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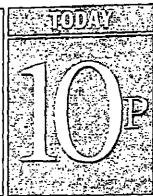
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# Ex-ministers turn on challenger

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# Double blow to Howard's bid for leadership

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

MICHAEL HOWARD'S Tory leadership bid suffered a serious setback yesterday with revelations that two former ministerial colleagues plan to go public with damaging allegations about his performance as Home Secretary.

Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office Minister of State from July 1995, will break her silence over Mr Howard's controversial dismissal of Derek Lewis as director general of the Prison Service in

Miss Widdecombe, who fiercely opposed the decision and is sup-porting Peter Lilley for the leadership, will make a series of criticisms of Mr Howard's role in a letter to John Major. In a move aimed at limiting Mr Howard's chances of succeeding Mr Major, she will publish the letter only weeks before the first leadership ballot.

She has also not ruled out making a highly charged personal statement to the House of Commons about the controversy over Mr Lewis. Such a move would stir memories of Sir Geoffrey Howe's resignation speech which fatally wounded Margaret Thatcher. It could inflict serious damage on Mr Howard's campaign.

But the attack will not be restricted to the row over Mr Lewis, who was dismissed, against the advice of senior prison managers, in October 1995.

Miss Widdecombe, who has told friends that Mr Howard is "dangerous stuff" and has "something of the night" in his personality, will seek to raise concern among the 164 MPs voting in the contest about his ability to withstand pressure, his man-management



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skills, and alleged refusal to accept blame when the going gets tough.

Friends of Mr Howard rallied to his defence and said MPs would see through the Widdecombe attack. David Maclean, a former Home Office minister, is a key member of the Howard campaign team. "It shows that he is a good minister to work with." said Howard supporter.

But as Mr Howard's supporters attempted to play down the intervention of Miss Widdecombe, who they dismissed as acting out of "personal pique," they suffered a second blow. The Times has learnt that Charles Wardle, a former Home Office immigration minister, is planning to raise an issue in the Commons which has dogged Mr Howard and the Tory Party.

Mr Wardle is seeking an adjournment debate to raise a damning report by the Department of Trade and Industry into the take-

over of Harrods by Mohamed Al Fayed. The report led to a serious clash between Mr Howard and Mr Wardle. Mr Wardle rejected, on the advice of Home Office civil servants, a citizenship application by Mr Al Fayed's brother. Relations between Mr Howard and Mr Wardle, whose decision was upheld, have never recovered. If Mr Wardle secures his debate before the leadership election it could renew the pressure on Mr Howard.

A friend of Mr Wardle, who has not decided which candidate to support but will choose between John Redwood, William Hague and Peter Lilley, said last night: "Charles is not being vindictive against Michael Howard. But he believes there are things that have to come out now because there are too many unresolved issues and questions left hanging in the air."

The move by Mr Wardle has rompted some friends of Mr Howard to speculate on whether there is an organised "stop Howard" campaign. All six leadership camps have taken vows not to act ainst each other. But some of M Howard's supporters suspect that 'dirty tricks" are afoot The launch of Mr Howard's

leadership bid was overshadowed last week when his supporters leaked details of an apparent agreement, struck over champagne, for Mr Hague to act as his deputy.

Mr Howard appeared relaxed yesterday about the plan by Miss Widdecombe to go public. He told the BBC's Breakfast with Frost:

"Ann and I disagreed about a very important decision, the dismissal of Derek Lewis as head of the

"I had to overrule her because there was an independent report which made very serious criticisms of the prison service management

from top to bottom.

"Ann felt very strongly about that. We disagreed. I am convinced the decision we made was the right one and few decisions have been subject to more Parliamentary scrutiny - including a debate on the floor of the House of Commons - than that one."

A key aide to Mr Howard said: "People will see through this. It is personally motivated. One of the key members of the campaign team is David Maclean. That will speak volumes. He was one of the most talented members of the government and he is supporting Michael."

The controversy over Mr Lewis's sacking and prison standards led to a full-scale Commons row two years ago. Mr Howard suffered an embarrassment when the Home Office made a £220,000 settlement to Mr Lewis after he took the case to court for wrongful

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# **Tehran** appeals for quake aid from the West

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IRAN'S Islamic Government last night appealed to the United Nations for help after a powerful earthquake devastated villages in the mountainous northeast of the country. Latest estimates put the death toll at some 2,400.

The earthquake, measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale, on Saturday levelled houses in scores of villages across the saffron-producing province of Khorasan, which borders Afghanistan and Tajikistan, Some 10,000 families are believed to have been made

homeless. Tehran officially called for emergency shipments of food, tents, blankets, clothing, four-wheel-drive vehicles, ambulances and water tankers, lifedetectors and white sheets, presumably for use as

Kofi Annan, the UN Secretary-General, urged the international community to respond promptly and with generosity", and several Western governments immediately stepped forward with contri-

butions of help.

The UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs announced an emergency grant of \$50,000 (£30,000) for the local purchase of relief supdisaster assessment and coordination team on standby for immediate despatch to the area. A small team of UN officials based in Iran also travelled to the earthquake zone to make a preliminary assessment of damage. Aircraft, however, were flying only as far as Mashhad, the provincial capital. The epicentre is about 230 miles further south near the city of Rescue race, page 10

# Budget will include phasing-out of Miras

By ARTHUR LEATHLRY AND ALASDAIR MURRAY

GORDON BROWN will use his first Budget to open a purge on the "get-rich-quick" culture and to use new taxes to fund a radical fiveyear welfare programme.
One of the biggest changes will

be the phasing out of mortgage interest tax relief that gives about 10 million homeowners help of £27 a month. Mr Brown is also preparing to begin an overhaul of the corporate taxation system in the mini-Budget which may come as soon as June 10. Mr Brown has told colleagues

that the mortgage relief, or Miras, cannot be sustained by a Labour Government and he will continue the phasing out the relief begun by the Conservatives but put on hold in the run-up to the election. At present, tax relief is given at 15 per cent on the first £30,000 but Mr Brown is understood to consider the allowance an anachronism and

believes that money should be channelled into providing housing for the homeless.

However, the Chancellor is not expected to end the relief at a stroke but is likely to signal a gradual phasing out by removing the allowance from new mortgages. Although estate agents insist that such a move will harm the housing market in its early stages of recovery, government sources argue that the property market is becoming strong enough to withstand the change. The Chancellor will unveil a

range of measures extending well beyond the windfall tax and valueadded tax proposals announced before the general election.

As well as taxing what he describes as the excessive shortterm profits of the privatised utilities, Mr Brown will an-Continued on page 2, col 5

#### Cook denies single currency rumours

Robin Cook, the Foreign Secretary, today squashes speculation in financial markets about Britain joining a European single curren-

cy at an early stage. In an interview with *The Times*, he says this remains "unlikely" before the next election and claims that the decision has not been affected by the Government's move to transfer responsbility for setting interest rates to the Bank of England. He says the decision was purely about interest rate policy in Britain...... Page 20

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# Pragmatic Brown suits himself in the City intends to relax the code even resemble a Who's Who of the City

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By ANDREW PIERCE AND CAROL MIDGLEY

GORDON BROWN will abandon formal dress for a lounge suit when he delivers the Chancellor's Mansion House speech next month. Mr Brown, who has already won plaudits from the Square Mile for surrendering control over interest rates to the Bank of England, has slain another When he rises to his feet in the

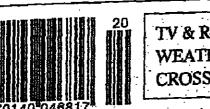
cathedral-like dining room opposite an imposing statute of the Duke of Wellington he will be wear his "working clothes", an aide said yesterday.

The change comes only days after the Prime Minister decreed "call me Tony" at his first Cabinet meeting. The decision was also based on pragmatism by the canny

Only last year the formal dress for this occasion was changed from white tie to black. Mr Brown

are otherwise barely on speaking Mr Brown's decision will create a dilemma for the 350 guests, who

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# Lottery shake-up seeks to abolish giant profits

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RADICAL changes to the running of the National Lottery will be introduced by the new Government as ministers act to curb profits for

the operator. The lottery regulator's current dual role in awarding the next lottery contract, and checking that the national draw is properly run.

will be abolished. Chris Smith, the National Heritage Secretary, is also drawing up plans to prevent the company awarded the next contract from making profits out of the £4 billion a year business.

New legislation to be announced on Wednesday will also ensure that two separate regulators will in

Arthur Leathley on plans by Chris Smith, the Heritage Secretary, to switch funds to education and health future be involved in the separate functions of awarding the lucrative

contract and checking that it is being run in the best interest of the The moves, to be unveiled in the Queen's Speech, are in response to public criticism of Peter Davis, the lottery regulator, who was accused

of being too closely involved with

one of the companies behind Came-

lot, the lottery operator. Mr Davis accepted hospitality from GTech, an American company that led the Camelot bid for the contract, and he was forced to

defend himself against claims that the hospitality had influenced his decision to award the contract.

A lottery bill to be introduced in the autumn will ensure that the contract goes to a non-profit organisation. Extra funds will be channelled into additional educational and health-service projects as the Government curbs the amount of money available as profit.

Labour insists that the new money, expected to be £1 billion over five years, will not reduce the amount currently paid to sport, the arts, heritage projects and chari-

ties. The position of Mr Davis himself is also in doubt as senior Labour figures have voiced concerns over his past failure to insist that Camelot gained smaller profits from the venture.

Although Camelot insists that its profits represent less than one per cent of turnover, Mr Smith believes that all money should go to good causes and running costs.

The lottery will not come under the windfall tax proposed by Gordon Brown, the Chancellor, on excessive profits of some companies. Senior Labour figures made clear that Camelot did not come under the privatised companies intended to be hit by the one-off tax.

Labour also wants to ensure a quick decision on the Greenwich Millennium Exhibition and would talk tough" with British Telecom over the plans for the information superhighway promised in return for a faster entry into the entertainment market.

Mr Smith said yesterday that the next lottery contract, due for renewal in four years, will not allow profits to be made out.

"Once the initial franchise comes to an end in about three or four years, we can go for a non-profit organisation, so that every single penny that we can get goes either to prizes or to good causes rather than into the pockets of the people who

are running it," he said. What I am concerned about is to make sure that the way in which the lottery is being regulated is indeed good and tough on behalf of the people who play the

lonery."
When Camelot was awarded its seven-year contract, it forecast that least three years. In the event, the company recovered start-up costs within six months.

In 1995 it earned a pre-tax profit of £10.8 million. In 1996, its first full year, it had pre-tax profits of E77.5 million on turnover of £5.2 billion. In the first six months of the current year, profits were £20.8 million

Camelot's shareholders are: Cadbury Schweppes, the confectionery company: De La Rue, the security printer; ICL, the computer company; Racal Electronics; GTech Corporation, the US lottery specialist. Last year they shared a dividend of £18.4 million.

# Hague takes his message to party's grass roots

By POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

WILLIAM HAGUE is to take his campaign for the Tory leadership to the party's local activists. Mr Hague, who is emerging as a popular choice as the successor to John Major, will embark next week on a tour of constituency associations in a bid to harness the support of local Conservatives. The former Welsh Secre-

William Hill has made William Hague odds-on favourite to be next leader of the Tories. The bookmaker cut his odds from 11-10 to 4-7 and offers 9-2 Kenneth Clark, 11-2 Michael Howard and Peter Lilley, 14-1 Stephen Dorrell and 16-1 John Redwood.

tary, 36, said yesterday that the Conservative Party needed a completely fresh approach to

We are going to make a fresh start ... and put behind us the disputes that have ed the party. he said. vatives must not become a away from us forever."

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Speaking on BBCl's Breakfast with Frost. Mr Hague said: "We need to bring thousands of new people in the parry — people of my genera-tion whose support we haven't tapped into in recent years and say to them: 'help us to develop our policies.'"

He said the Conservatives would have to show it was 'ruthlessly intolerant" of sleaze and misbehaviour in the party. "We have to get rid of the image and make clear we are as intolerant of what has become known as sleaze as anybody else in the

Mr Hague said that the general election reflected the volatility of voters' preferences and that they would soon become "fed up" of the Labour Government. "I dare to say we will win the next general election. Just because we have Rifts had to be healed. Mr lost by a large margin doesnt Hague said, and the Conser-" mean the voters have moved



William Hague and his leadership rival Michael Howard were both interviewed by Sir David Frost yesterday

Another contender for the Tory leadership. Stephen Dorrell, called yesterday for a thoroughgoing reform" of the structure of the Conservative

The former Health Secretary gave warning that the party would have to change and adapt or face the prospect of further election defeats.

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be nothing more than a "rabble" during the last Par-liament and that this had contributed to their defeat.

It seems that the former Welsh Secretary has been given a boost by the backing of senior Tories and a Gallup poll showing he has by far the most electoral appeal of all the candidates.

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stituency associations. They cannot vote - the franchise is limited to Tory MPs - but are consulted by their MPs.

The former Conservative Cabinet minister Lord Tebbit, writing in The Sunday Times, praised John Redwood, who resigned from the Government in-1995 to make his first challenge for the Tory party Speaking on LWT's Jona- Mr Hague's chances have leadership. Lord Tebbit said: to be the clearly favoured than Dimbleby programme, been helped by evidence that that Mr Radward was not on Mr Dorrell admitted that the he is likely to gain the over- the bridge when the captain of in behind before nominations Tories had often appeared to whelming backing of the con- the ship rammed it on to the

rocks. At any court of inquiry, less blame must attach to the man shouting 'alter course, rocks ahead' than to those who failed to see the danger ahead

or reason to alter course. "Despite that, my wholehearted support would go to Howard, Lilley or Redwood whoever is elected. And I hope that if any one of these is seen

# Tax shake-up

Continued from page 1 nounce plans to discourage savers and corporate investors from short-term investments. He will also use his mini-Budget to outline a range of longer-term intentions that will be introduced in later

The package is intended to raise more than £5 billion towards plans to create jobs and provide housing for the homeless. Mr Brown has made clear that his public spending review will be completed in time to allow him to implement a three-year spending plan from 1998 to prompt increases in priority areas.

He promised a Bill releasing, over time, 55 billion of capital receipts from council house sales to kick-start a massive new social housing programme and action to find jobs for a million single

mothers. The windfall tax is also intended to fund a programme to bring long-term unemployed and the young into

The windfall tax, under which privatised utilities will face a one-off tax on "excessive profits", will be the centrepiece of the Budget. Labour aides suggest that the money raised from the tax will be higher than the £3 billion initially expected.

Mr Brown hinted yesterday that BT was likely to be included alongside the privatised utilities, a move that is certain to hit the company's

panies were known to be prime targets of Mr Brown's windfall tax, there was considerable doubt about BT.

Analysts believe BT could escape lightly, given the prom-inent role the company is expected to play in the Gov-ernment's ambitious plans to upgrade Britain's access to information technology over the next few years.

The Chancellor has been critical of the taxation system which he believes encourages companies to pay cash to shareholders through dividends rather than reinvesting in their businesses.

Mr Brown has also expressed concern that institutional and private shareholders are not encouraged to hold shares for the long term under the current taxation system. Kenneth Clarke, the former Chancellor, said that Mr Brown was acting in a tearing hurry" and would cause long-term harm to Britain's economic prospects. "To start playing about with corporate taxation, taxation on investment as he is proposing.

is very dangerous indeed." The Chancellor is considering plans which include the phasing out of advanced corporation tax, changes in the rate of corporate taxation and the introduction of two rates of capital gains tax. A thorough reform of the corporate taxation is likely to prove too complicated to complete before the mini-Budget.

# fear guns ban will disrupt schedule

**Ministers** 

FIREARMS campaigners yes-terday welcomed Tony Blair's proposal to ban all handguns by the end of the year, but he faces resistance from senior

The Prime Minister signalled that the Queen's Speech will announce plans to extend the Firearms Act outlawing full-bore pistols to include less powerful .22 weapons.

Senior party figures fear the debate will take up time needed for other legislation and believe it should wait until next year. One Cabinet minister said yesterday: "There are important measures of our own that we have been waiting to introduce for 18 years without having to tidy up recent Tory legislation. I'm not sure we need to revisit this cruite so soon."

However the Prime Minister has a personal commitment to the issue. He was said to be deeply moved after meeting families of the Dunblane victims last year and has invited them to a private audience in London tomorrow, the day before the

Oueen's Speech. His pledge to outlaw all handguns and offer a free vote. IAST OCTOBET TOLLOWED A SPEECE to the the party conference by Ann Pearston, organiser of the Snowdrop campaign. Mrs Pearston, who knew many of the 16 children who died alongside their teacher in the massacre in March last year. said yesterday: "Ordinary people are walking with a spring in their step. They feel they have been listened to. I felt quite emotional and uplift-

ed myself this morning." Dr Mick North, whose daughter Sophie, aged five, was among the 16 dead children, said a delegation was making arrangements for the trip. We welcome the news that this is going to be included in the first Queen's Speech. I certainly felt it was important to deal with this straightaway. I think it is a reflection of the Government's own con-

Shooting organisations argue that a total ban would be draconian and ineffective. Mike Yardley, national spokesman for the Sportsman's Association, said compensation and the job losses would cost the taxpayer millions of pounds. He forecast the closure of many rifle clubs, which depend on revenue from handgun owners. We seem to be seeing

political correctness evolving into a new authoritarianism," he said. This legislation is not about saying to people you can only keep guns at a club, it is about completely wiping out an historic sport and our Olympic and Commonwealth Games shooting teams, all to give the illusion that something effective has been done."

# **GCHQ** union ban to be lifted

Civil service union leaders are expecting a government announcement this week which will lift the 13-year ban on trade union membership at the GCHQ intelligence centre in Cheltenham.

We warmly welcome the opportunity for the restoration of the right of GCHQ workers to join a union," said an official of the biggest civil service union, the Public Services, Tax and Commerce union. The ban was imposed by Margaret Thatcher's Gov-

# Girl hopes fade

Hopes of finding Kirsty Tidman, 14, alive appeared to be fading after Paul Pearson. 30, her cousin, who had been questioned over her disappearance, committed suicide. Kirsty was last seen close to her home in Charlton, south London, last Sunday, But on Friday Mr Pearson was found dead at the house where he lived with his mother.

#### Hunger strike

Asylum seekers being held at Winson Green prison in Birmingham are refusing food in protest at conditions. Hie Prison Service has confirmed. Ten men refusing food but still accepting fluids are said to be angry at being kept in a jail while their applications for refugee status are considered by the Home Office.

#### Bhutto visit

Speculation that Benazir Bhutto, the deposed prime minister of Pakistan will seek political asylum in Britain has been increased by a private visit to London, during which she was said to be looking at schools for her children. Mrs Bhutto and her husband are facing charges of alleged cor-

#### Yates denial

Paula Yates's mother denied reports that Hughie Green was the father of her daughter. Helier Bosman, 59, said from the South of France: "Paula was conceived a month after my marriage to Jess Yates." A friend of Mr Green claimed at his funeral that the television host had fathered an illegitimate daughter.

# Toy ferry launch

Liverpool's answer to Thomas the Tank Engine - a ferry called Gerry — is set for a summer launch on the River Mersey by Peter Ogunsiji, a businessman. He hopes that the new toy, developed with the help of Liverpool University, can restore toy manufacturing to Liverpool which was the original home of Meccano,

# share price when trading be-Lib Dems lay claim to **Scotland Shadow role**

By POLLY NEWTON, POLITICAL REPORTER

THE Liberal Democrats are to challenge the right of the Tories to field a Shadow Scottish Secretary against the Government in the Commons. after the defeat of every Conservative MP in Scotland.

Liberal Democrat representatives are to meet the Speaker of the House, Betty Boothroyd. to argue that their party should be recognised as the official opposition on Scottish

They want their spokesman on Scottish affairs, Jim Wallace, to appear at the dispatch box opposite the Scottish Sec-

retary, Donald Dewar. The Liberal Democrats have ten seats in Scotland. A spokesman for the Scot-

tish Office said the decision was for the Commons authorities. The Scottish Secretary will take Scottish questions at Scottish Question Time. It is not really a matter for him who is the person at the dispatch box."

The Liberal Democrats and the Tories are also both laying claim to the part of the Opposition front bench which is not occupied by the Shadow

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# Dogs are taking a little longer to have their day

By LIN JENKIN

LIFE goes by so fast. Middle age arrives before you know it. But then, the older years are lasting longer and you need someone to look after your

This was the new image of a dog's life yesterday. Scientific endeavour has discovered that it is longer, if not harder, than we thought.

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While most of Britain's 6.5 million dog owners persist in thinking that one dog year equates to seven of our own, veterinary science has abandoned the classroom method of assessing equivalent ages and revealed that so rapid is

canine development that a one-year-old dog is like a fully grown and sexually mature 18 year old.

"Your dog has reached its late teens by its first birthday and by its second it had been to university, got its degree, bought its first house and the baby is on the way," according to David Watson, a veterinary surgeon who has been researching the greying of our carrier possible.

canme population.

Man's best friend, like its owner, is living longer and prompting the massive commercial interests in the pet industry to adapt products for

zle. Dogs are living on average 18 months longer than they did 30 years ago, probably because of better general care and feeding.

Middle age for most dogs comes at about six or seven, which equates to a humans in

not their purebreed pedigree cousins, now live into the late teens or even early twenties.

The study found that one third of dogs were classed as "seniors" — aged seven or eight or older depending on the breed — while just 10 per cent were in the puppy and

their mid to late-40s. A signifi-

cant number of mongrels, if

The oldest dog known to have lived in the United Kingdom was either the Welsh collie Taffy who died at the home of its owner, Evelyn Brown, in West Bromwich, West Midlands, at the age of 27 years and 313 days, or the black labrador Adjutant, owned by a game keeper in Boston, Lincolnshires, which died aged 27 years and three knonths in November 1963.

The new comparative ages are based on studies for the research arm of Pedigree Chum, in which dogs of a variety of breeds have been



Pedigree chums sit proudly at a dog show; in fact, the study shows that mongrels are more likely to be enjoying life long after some pets

subjected to whole-body scanning with tissue mass and bone mass measured through sophisticated techniques.

Britain's most popular dog, according to registrations with the Kermel Club, is the labrador which is expected to reach 12. A Great Dane is considered

old at eight and a Jack Russell assessment of age, the terrier would not be unusual if be 66 in human terms it passed its twentieth The pet food manuf

it passed its twentieth birthday.

Mr Watson found in his study that about 14 per cent of the dog population is aged ten, as opposed to about 10 per cent in 1985. According to his new

in their dogs. Advice includes massage to aid relaxation and relieve the aches and pains associated with ageing.

The massage programme, devised by the Association of Chartered Physiotherapists in Animal Therapy, suggests spending up to five minutes on each set of muscles in the neck, back, shoulders, thighs and lower limbs. It also advises flexing the joints by supporting a limb above and below the joint and moving it slowly and gently through the full range of movement, then moving the whole leg as if cycling.

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# Microchip plan could banish ref's mistakes

By Russell Jenkins

THE most vilified figure in sport, the football referee, might soon be made error-free by the use of a microchip. Professor Nigel Allinson would like to create a "robo-ref" by using radio waves and computers to compensate for referees" innate; fallibilities; Officials, he suggests, should of a Tornado fighter nilgt so

computers to compensate for referees' innate; fallibilities. Officials, he suggests, should wear a helmet similar to that of a Tornado fighter pilot so that instant replays of disputed incidents can be flashed onto the visor. The Football Association is prepared to agree to a pilot programme. Professor Allinson, who

Professor Altinson, who holds the chair of electronic systems engineering at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology, is to outline his plans this week in a new BBC Radio 5 series called The 21st Century and How To Survive It.

His conclusion will disappoint fans, however. While machines can now beat chess grandmasters, he does not foresee the referee being totally replaced. "It is important that real referees continue to make the decisions," he says.

Professor Allinson's plan will begin modestly by linking the referee's watch to a giant screen in the stadium so that fans can judge how much time is being added for injuries. Should that be approved, football will be spared the regular sight of Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, stalking the touchline with his own stopwatch in hand.

The next step would be fur the referee to have a radio microphone so that he can explain decisions to irate fans. In the longer term, radio waves along the touchlines and between the goalposts could detect whether or not the ball, coated with a metal tining, had crossed the line.

# Bosnia officer hits back over desertion charge

By DANIEL McGrory

AN OFFICER from the British peacekeeping force in Bosnia is demanding a government investigation into why he is facing court martial for desertion 18 months after he resigned from the Army.

Robert Ryan; 31, was the first officer to order British troops to return fire during the civil war in the former Yugoslavia. He is angry that 15 armed soldiers were sent to arrest him in Bosnia and bring him back to Britain in handcuffs to stand trial.

Mr Ryan, from Biddulph in Staffordshire, describes the Army's behaviour in holding him in a military prison for a week after his arrest three months ago as "ludicrous".

The Army says the former captain with the Cheshire Regiment went absent without leave in 1995 after accepting a £6.500 payment to stay on in 1995 after accepting a £6.500 payment to stay on in the services. Mr Ryan insists that stress forced him to change his mind about extending his army career and that the British Embassy in Sarajevo knew he had left the Forces to set up a business as a travel



Ryan: was arrested 18 months after leaving

McGrory

guide in the city. He says the
the money was paid back to
the Army. He had handed in
his military kit, completed all
the formalities and left a
forwarding address for his
new business in Sarajevo after

in 1995.

He said: "I object to the word 'deserter'. I have never run away from anything. I don't know why it took 18 months for them to arrest me. Everyone knew where I was. I left an address. As far as I am concerned I left the Army legitimately and this is basically just an administrative dispute over money. It's a case of the left hand not knowing

The Ministry of Defence said Mr Ryan's was a "highly unusual and sensitive case". A spokesman said: "It hinges on whether a soldier can just walk out when he wants."

what the right is doing.

The issue was whether Mr Ryan should have paid back what the Army calls a "financial retention incentive" to extend his army career before quitting. "He was told after changing his mind he would have to repay the money in full, but on receiving that bit of information he went absent without leave. He made an offer to repay £745 but then just walked out.

"The point isn't whether or not we knew where he was. We expect our employees to return and discuss these problems in the proper way. We don't go to them."

Mr Ryan was mentioned in dispatches for his gallantry in ordering his troops to open fire after they were ambushed on patrol in Bosnia. He has refused to accept the Army's offer to pay his salary while he awaits the court martial as he insists he is a civilian.

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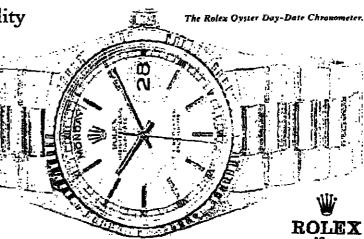
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# Pavarotti says triumphant au revoir to the Garden

LUCIANO PAVAROTTI, in tremendous vocal form, said farewell yesterday to the stage on which he first appeared in 1963. Galas apart, it was the tenor's first recital at the Royal Opera House since 1979 — and it was his last before the house closes for rebuilding.

His farewell could have been a sentimental occasion, but the only hint was in his choice of Rodolfo's Act I aria from Bohème as the first encore. He took over the role at short notice from an ailing Giuseppe di Stefano 34 years ago. Pavarotti, 62 this year, can still sing most of today's Rodolfos off the stage when it comes to passion, phrasing and volume. In a long tradition, he

march at the gride was als

chose to warm up with Italian art songs. These he followed with four sacred songs, unbuttoning his tail-coat for Schubert's Ave Maria, the loosening-up process was over.

After Bizet's Agnus Dei, it was Tosca. Pavaroth gave both of Cavaradossi's arias. Instrous in tone in front of the portrait of the Madonna in Act 1 and using that famous head voice to magical effect when under sentence of death in the last act.

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After the break, Tosti
ruled. His songs, mainly
from the turn of the century,
show off the voice well. Tosti
settles well in the middle of
the voice and more often
than not allows the singer a
chance for a virtuoso flour-

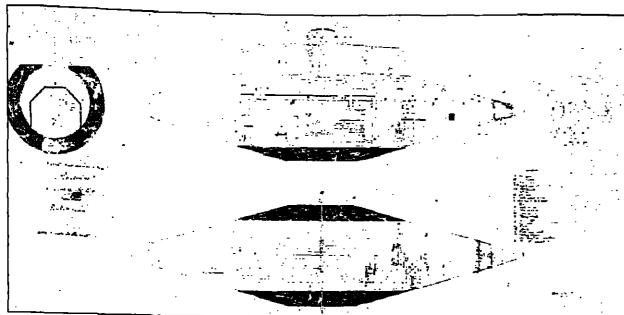
ish at the end of each song. Pavarotti gave L'ultima canzone the full works.

Una furtiva lagrima was

a reminder that Donizetti's Nemorino has long been one of Pavarotti's favourite roles and one in which he rarely misses. So to the encores. As well as Rodolfo. the part which probably above all others will always be associated with him, there was Rigoletto's Duke of Mantua. He dashed straight from Questa o quella into La donna e mobile with hardly a break. On this showing, Pavarotti should be back when the new house reopens in

JOHN HIGGINS

# Divers prepare rescue mission for curate's invention of first engine-powered underwater vessel



A plan for the 1879 prototype of the steam-driven Resurgam, right. A careless crew was blamed for its sinking

# Fishing juggernauts put Victorian sub in peril



THE world's first engine-powered submarine, which sank off North Wales nearly 120 years ago, may be brought to the surface to save it from being smashed by modern fishing methods. Divers are to see if it is safe to move.

The Resurgam, a three-man vessel with a steam engine. was designed by a Manchester curate. Until then submarines had been powered by crews hand-cranking the propellor. The Resurgam sank in 1880, three months after it was



built, while being towed to Portsmouth for Royal Navy trials. Although its position is circulated to fishing fleets, marine archaeologists fear

that it may be damaged or destroyed by a beam trawler, which drags a huge steel beam along the seabed.

The Resurgam was discovered accidentally in the autumn of 1995 by a fisherman who snagged his nets on it five miles north of Rhyl. Enthusiasts had spent years searching for it.

A team of 96 divers led by ical Diving Unit, based at St Andrews University, will begin an intensive two-week study in June to assess the condition of the 40ft by 8ft iron of the unit, said that if the Resurgam were hit by a beam trawler the evidence collected in June would be all that remained of an important ece of nautical history.

"This is a unique subma-rine," he said. "It is under threat where it is at the moment and, in my opinion, it would be sensible to think about moving it to a place of safety. However, the cost of bringing it ashore would be horrendous.

Cadw, the Welsh heritage agency with responsibility for

plications from organisations interested in its future. It is understood that the Warship Preservation Trust, headed by Sir Philip Goodheart, has

expressed an interest. The divers will search the seabed around the barnacleencrusted hull, thought to be sitting upright 55ft below the surface. It is hoped that some of its missing parts, including propeller belts, vents and the conning tower hatch, will be found. The crew is said to have joined the towing ship and to

The nine-tonne vessel designed by the Rev George

Garrett of Moss Side. A prototype was built by Cochran's Boilermakers of Birkenhead in 1879 and featured the cleric's invention for air purification, an early form of breathing apparatus called a meumatophore.

Mr Garrett, who has been called the father of submarines, had claimed that there was enough steam from the coal-fired boiler to power the

submerged to prevent it using up the oxygen.

Submarine technology was advanced by John Holland, an Irish immigrant, whose design for one propelled by an the American Navy in 1898. Mr Garrett went on to design vessels for the Greek and Turkish navies and some were still in use early this century. Turkish Navy but later moved to the United States, where he died in poverty.



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# Full-time job. Part-time childhood.

Sangli is only nine but already he talks about: his childhood in the past tense. It ended the day he started work, at just eight years old. Since then, he The seven mile walk to find a good patch, the nine hours kneeling in the dust mending shoes, the miserable 30p or so earned.

There is no play. The word doesn't enter his ocabulary. And no education, unless you include the kind you get on the streets, like how to look after yourself when a customer gets rough.

Why does he do it? Because his parents are so poor that they need, really need, his 30p a day to help pay for food and clothes.

If Sangli were the only child in the world working his childhood away it would be one too many. As it is he is one of some 55 million in India alone. Christian Aid works to combat child labour by campaigning for decent adult wages and improving families' living standards so that parents can afford to take their kids off the street.

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# **Ecologists fight to save** threatened Ice Age fish

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

ENGLISH and Scottish ecologists have joined forces in an attempt to save Britain's rarest fish, an Ice Age relic clinging to existence in two Cumbrian

The herring-like vendace, Coregonus albula, is found only in Derwent Water and Bassenthwaite in the Lake District, having disappeared during this century from two small lochs in Scotland, its only other known sites.

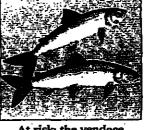
Scientists have now introduced thousands of vendace smallfry to another Scottish loch in an attempt to establish "safeguard" stock that would ensure the fish's surviv-

al if the Lake District populations were wiped out.

Derwent Water's vendace are in reasonably good health, but those in Bassenthwaite are struggling against pollution and growing numbers of pred-

atory ruffe, used as live bait by

anglers, which feed on ven-



the vendace is a joint venture by Scottish Natural Heritage, the Lake District National Park, the Environment Agency and the Institute of Freshof more than a hundred and plants in Britain listed for conservation after the Rio summit of 1992.

Last December scientists collected some 100,000 vendace eggs from Bassenthwaite and in April about 30,000 smallfry hatched from the eggs were released into Loch Dumfries and Galloway. Until last month's reintroduction, vendace had been absent from Scotland for more than 20 years. The fish were still occasionally being caught

in Mill Loch, near Loch-maben, west of Lockerbie, in the early 1970s, but none has been seen since then. Vendace disappeared from Castle Loch, also near Lochmaben and their only other known home in Scotland, soon after a sewage works was built there in 1911. In the last

century, vendace anglers held

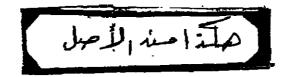
an annual summer festival

and eating them outdoors. recolonised lakes in northern Britain from the sea after the ice-sheets retreated some 10,000 years ago. The fish is still an important commercial species in western Russia and northwestern parts of conti-

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# Disney's £10m show opens on a high note By CAROL MIDGLEY

THE most expensive show ever staged in the West End opens tomorrow, with more than £5 million taken in

Beauty and the Beast, a £10 million musical by Walt Disney, has taken three years of planning and is expected to be as successful in Britain as it has been on Broadway. where it has been running since 1994. Julie-Alanah Brighten. 25, stars as Belle alongside co-star Alasdair Harvey from The Phantom of the Opera, who plays the Beast Lyrics for five of the

songs are by Sir Tim Rice.
The extravaganza, with a cast of 40, a 25-piece orchestra. a backstage crew of 75 and 230 costumes, is Disney's first foray into the West End. It is estimated to be about twice as expensive as any other show staged there. Because of the scale of the production, an extension had to be built at the back of the Dominion Theatre to make room for the wardrobe department.

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# Being fat and spotty is a teenager's nightmare

MOST children aged 11 to 16were reported yesterday to worry about their appearance, with concerns topped by over-weight, spots and ugly teeth.

According to a poll commissioned by nurses, 86 per centrof the age group — but especially girls and poorer children — fretted about the way they looked. A third thought they were too fat and a quarter worried about their skin or teeth. Almost one in ten was anxious about being

Christine Hancock, general secretary of the Royal College of Nursing, which commis-sioned the MORI poll to mark Nurses Day, said: "Our survey shows the insecurities that children can feel about the way they look, from teenage spots to severe eating disorders because of worries about

Among the 4,295 children polled, those who said they were not well-off were more worried about their appearances than those from betteroff families. Among poorer families, 41 per cent were STUDY GIVES ALCOPOP WARNING

Evidence that "alcopops" are encouraging children to become underage drinkers has been found in a survey of more than 3,000 pupils in Wales Dominic Kennedy writes. The study is published as the Portman Group,

were also more conscious of

bad skin (31 per cent) and teeth

(29 per cent); the corres-

ponding percentages among

24. Boys were generally less

as the drinks industry watchdog, is understood to be seeking powers to encourage boycotts by supermarket and off-licence chains of alcoholic lemonades and colas aimed at young people. The Welsh research, published today, found that

more than a quarter of girls aged 15 and 16 drank no alcohol except for the lemonade and cola-flavoured drinks. That suggested that the sweet flavours enticed children who would otherwise be deterred by the strong tastes of adult drinks, they said. In that age group, 30 per cent of girls and 24 per cent of boys drank alcopops at least weekly. Beer was found to be drunk by 54 per cent of boys and 27 per cent of girls.

anxious about being fat, com-pared with 33 per cent from wealthier homes. MORI says concerned about what they looked like, with 21 per cent saying they had no worries, this suggests that middle class compared with 8 per cent of diets are healthier and that Pupils at all-girl schools poorer children are either overweight or have relatives who are. Less well-off children

were generally more worried than average and white children tended to be more anxious than black or other ethnic minority children. Worries changed as children grew older. Only 13 per cent of 11year-olds worried about their

proportion rose to 20 per cent. it was 28 per cent for 13-year-olds and 37 per cent for 16-year-olds. Those worned about the shape of their noses doubled from 8 to 16 per cent between II and 16 years.

Sandra Rote, the college's community health adviser, said that school nurses increasingly found that children were asking for advice about diet. "Fat, stodgy foods are easier and cheaper for schools to serve," she said. "Packets of crisps keep better than apples, so there is a temptation not to serve things which can go off."

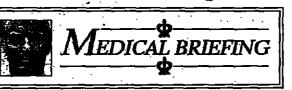
Help was at hand today from a giant walking carrot called Herbie and the start of National School Meals Week. The campaign to encourage more imaginative and healthier menus is organised by Arnold Fewell of the Local Education Catering Associ-

eating in 1988, when he was North Yorkshire catering officer. Mr Fewell created Herbie (Healthy Eating Really Better in Every Way) and was



Beauty and the Beast is the most expensive show ever staged in the West End

# Currie's taste may suffer after nose job



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

REPORTS that Edwina Currie has had surgery on her nose have produced a varied crop of news stories and cartoons, mainly unsympathetic. The former Conservative MP's nose job has been discussed as an aesthetic issue, and as a manifestation of vanity. Nobody seems to have Although benign, they may listened to Mrs Currie's own 2 co-exist with malignancies, so was performed mainly for

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Mrs Currie may well have very good reasons for having the operation. Apart from having sustained a deflected septum in a minor accident, she also suffers from severe asthma, which is often associated with allergic vasomotor rhinitis, the periodic inflammation and engorgement of the nasal lining which occurs in certain people in response to contact with an allergen, be it pollen, moulds, household dust or Humphrey the cat, Vasomotor rhinitis is the cause of the runny and stuffedup nose of the hay fever

More than 70 per cent of patients with asthma and vasomotor rhinitis will evenrually develop nasal polyps. The polyps are teardrop-



Currie: she said surgery

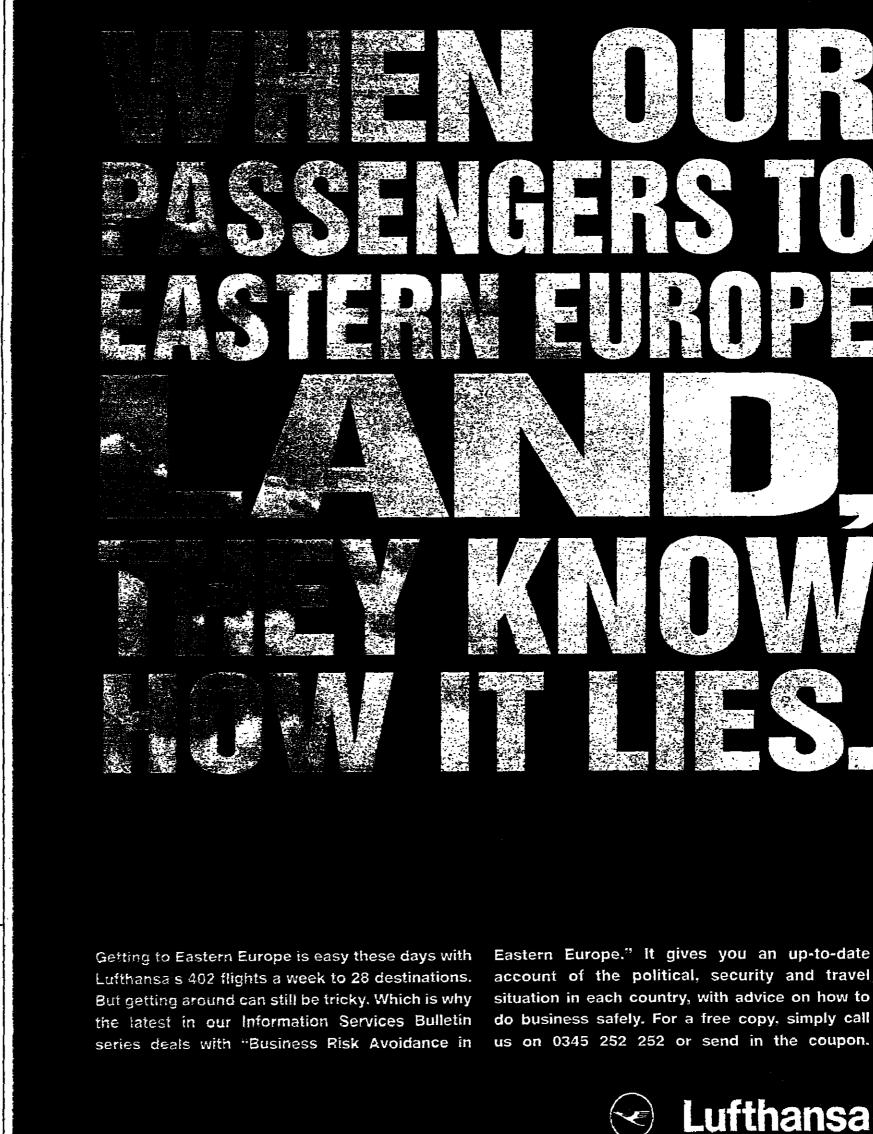
shaped benign tumours, which, particularly when infected or inflamed as a result of contact with an allergen, swell and ooze so that they obstruct the nasal passages, causing increased snoring at night and a snuffly, nasal voice by day.

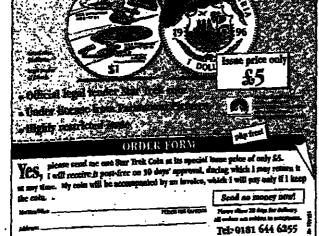
explanation: that the surgery it is best to obtain a specialist move an offending polyp, but also so that he or she can check that they are not concealing anything more sinister.

Nasal congestion, and hence the liability to polyps, is made worse if the nasal septurn - the gristle and bone separating the nostrils — is deflected, causing a unilateral constriction. The nasal passages can be enlarged by a submucosal resection or by septoplasty - nasal septum reconstruction. Rhinoplasty a complete remodelling of the nose - could be used to produce a more beautiful and fimetional nose.

After surgery Mrs Currie will be able to breathe better and snore less, and may have a different tone to her voice, but there is often a price to pay. Mrs Currie's judgment of fine food and wine may be affected. The basic tastes saltiness, bitterness, sweetness and sourness — will still be obvious, but the subtle tastes which are the result of smell and which allow the diner to discriminate between the elusive fragrances given off by carefully constructed sauces and old wines may be

Recent research has shown that even a submucosal resection, the surgical dilatation of the nasal passage, may so interfere with the nerve supply to the nasal mucosa that the chance of becoming a master of wines would be lost for ever.





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# Ministers order an MoD about-turn on Gulf War syndrome

DEFENCE ministers will today order a new investigation into the extent of the official cover-up over "Gulf War syn-

The Government is promising "substantial new resources" to discover what experts in the ministry knew about the possible damaging side-effects of vaccinations and drugs given to service against a chemical or biologi-

cal attack from Iraqi forces. An action plan will be unveiled by John Reid, Armed Forces Minister. Labour says the matter will be a top priority for the Ministry of Defence. Ministers will urgently consider compensation. An MoD source said: The message is there will be no hiding in corners any more and denials that nobody knew of possible harmful side-effects."

That approach, ministers say, is in stark contrast to Whitehall's original response to deny the existence of any

possible health hazards from the Gulf conflict. "What is most important is research to combat the many harmful side-effects," the source said.

The investigation is likely to embarrass the Opposition when the full extent of how Nicholas Soames, then Armed Forces Minister, was misled over the use of organophosphate pesticides during the war is brought out.

The MoD will also be told to expedite medical examinations of all those veterans complaining of ill health. About a thousand Gulf veterans have so far been examined. Mr Reid will pledge that the findings from the new research will be made public.

A series of research programmes have already been launched to compare the health of thousands of Gulf War veterans with military to assist the research with the offer of entry into a £1,000 draw. Such incentives might now be increased.

Tony Flint, a spokesman for

the Gulf War Veterans and Families' Association, welcomed the move last night. This is the best bit of news we have heard for four years. We are feeling very hopeful now we are getting the recognition we wanted. Until now the Ministry of Defence and the Government treated us as if we were hypochondriacs." he said. "We hope the new research will continue where the Americans left off."

Richard Barr, a solicitor working to coordinate the investigations, said: "It is wonderful news. It represents a complete about-turn in governmental attitude." In the new spirit of openness, Mr Barr said he hoped the Gov-ernment might reveal the



From a long family line: Martha delighted staff at the Animal Line sanctuary with her brood of 21 ducklings, including three adoptions

# Martha the motherly mallard waddles into record books

ONE by one they trooped into the wildlife sanctuary behind their mother — 24 ducklings in a long, untidy line. But not content with coping with possibly the biggest brood on record, Martha the mal-

sanctnary near East Grinstead in West Sussex. The story began when Martha, a former resident of the sanctuary, walked through the gate last week with her day-old ducklings.

which had been abandoned at birth. The orphans cries were heard by Martha, who broke down the thin dividing wall between and adopted them. Peter Wakeham, the owner of the sanctuary, said yesterday: "It's

other day-old mallard ducklings. How on earth she managed to sit on all those eggs, turning them and keeping them at the right tempera-ture, is beyond me. It must have been, like sitting on a pyramid. She is a

# personnel not involved in the They were put into an infra-red lard has adopted three more. Now names of some of the vaccines 1991 conflict. Former and serving troops are being enticed to in complex questionnaires The mysteries of modern technological BT International Business Calls: 24p per minute. **Energis International Business Calls:** 10p per minute. What makes Energis different is that we don't see why the world's most advenced telecommunications networks. overseas calls should cost the earth. Which is why our Having our own network gives us the flexibility to be customers can already make business calls to the USA for one of the most competitive service providers anywhere. just 10p a minute. Now we've set the same low rate for So, why are some companies still paying anything be to 24p a minute for the same cells? We don't understand it calls to France, Germany, Ireland and the Netherlands. Using the latest technology, Energis has created one of either. Switch to Energis, Call us free on 0800 315 1816. INTERPRENEURS OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY

# Customs 'spy' to join Moscow's crime fighters

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR Customs investigator is being sent to Moscow and to curb drug smuggling from the former Soviet Union. The officer will be the first member of a British law

enforcement organisation to work full-time in Russia. He may eventually be joined by other police and Customs officers to form a special cell linking Russian police forces with London.

The Customs man, who is not being named for security reasons, will have the status of a middle-ranking diplomat. He will be based in the British Embassy in Moscow with a small staff. Aged 40, he is a senior investigating officer drugs lisison officer in Bolivia, working with its police against the occaine of the game."

the summer after his working brief has been agreed with the Russians and he has completed a Rissian language course. In Moscow he will join a growing band of foreign invesigators, including efficers

and police officers working in 31 countries on drugs liaison. to combat the spread of the Another eight Customs offi-Russian malia into Britain cers work on financial operations, including tax fraud. Our man in Moscow will be the first Customs officer to have a much wider brief, specifically including organised crime as

The Customs officer will

build up contacts with Russian investigators and the successors to the KGB. He will also feed intelligence back to London and help to train the Russians to meet Western standards of investigation. Costons and police say the the old Soviet bloc and we believe this will out us abead

The former Soviet Union Cartels. The former Soviet Union He will take up his post in has become a staging post for moving drugs into western Europe The Asian states are also emerging as new sources for harvests of the opium poppy and cannabis. Detectives in London have gathered evidence that Russian mob from the FPR and the German leaders are laundering cash security organisation BKA and using Britain to invest There are 53 British Gostoms their profits.



# Dalya Alberge reports from the Cannes festival, where history has a fondness for repeating itself

# Maker of slave film sees double over new Spielberg epic

ities to his own. Joel Marsden said that not only were both stories about slave-ship uprisings, but Spielberg was using the same set and the same

Marsden's completed film.
Ill Gotten Gains, is his debut feature and cost EL5 million to make. Spielberg's Amistad has just begun filming on a £24 million budget.

"They are shooting on the same ship we used, a replica ship off the Californian coast in San Diego," said Marsden. 27, who was born to a British father in New York. The lead actor in both films is Diimon

The film parties got under way yesterday with MTV holding a celebration for

5,000. For those who think

Casses is following a tacky

trend, there was plenty of

On a bed was a

plastercast of a buxom girl on all fours which could be

activated - like a bucking

bronco machine for would-

be rodeo riders - by the

many men who clambered

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made his name as a model on the catwalks of Paris and

Marsden devoted three years to researching and writing his film, which features the gravel-voiced Eartha Kitt as a spirit trapped in the planks of the ship, a character inspired by West African folklore. He is in Cannes to screen his film for distributors.

He said: It's a trend in Hollywood to have similar films and similar topics. They usually don't use the same set and the same star... It is unusual for two films to share such similarities. If they do it, they use different stars and a different city."

At 49. Spielberg is the

scantily clad men and

women. Guests were in-

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A party for the sci-fi film

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about £2.5 million. One for

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PARTIES WON'T BUCK THE TREND

#### "If he's saying Spielberg pinched the idea, I'd think that's too absurd. Spielberg doesn't have to. He wouldn't even contemplate it. He can afford to buy any ideas." Spielberg's film tells the true story of a revolt on the Spanish

maker, with ET, Schindler's

List and Jurassic Park among his hits. A spokesman said

that he had been working on

Amistad for at least two years:

slave ship Amistad by a cargo of 53 Africans in 1839. Marsden's script distils 500 years of history, set on one ship. He intends to invite Spielberg to his Los Angeles premiere in August. Ultimately. he said, it was simply important that films about slavery were made. "I wanted to portray the situation on a uprisings on them which the history books don't talk about

Inspired by a visit to Sene-gal, and a slave house from which millions were deported, his film takes place in 1869, after the abolition of slavery. "Unfortunately, few ships were committed to the cause to end the slave trade," Marsden

The enforcement of laws proved difficult, with more than 5,000 miles to patrol. Our film deals with a series of uprisings on an American slave ship and how even Americans and the subjects of make a quick buck out of it."



Cannes laughter: the Spice Girls wore headscarves and dark sunglasses to mimic film stars of the Thirties and Forties

# Cinema intellectuals are lost in spice

duced to artistic fury by the intense questioning at Cannes press conferences. Yesterday the Spice Girls showed they were in control by making everyone in the room do a

They bossed hardened male journalists and film intellectuals, telling them how to conduct themselves. They told one to stop mumbling when addressing them, and another to uncross his arms because it was

Spice" Emma was asked a question by a Lebanese journalist, she said: "Oh, we've never been to Lebanon, but I've been to Debenhams."

The group were promoting plans for their first feature film. They flew in to Cannes wearing headscarves and sunglasses, mimicking the stars of the Thirties and Forties. Asked about their film's plot, "Ginger Spice" Geri said: "It is about our inner and outer struggles." Thousands of fans had lined the streets for a glimpse of the British group that has broken records with four chart-topping singles in a row. The film, as yet untitled, will be directed by Bob Spiers, who worked on television's Faulty Towers and Absolutely Fabulous.

The story of five days in the life of the band will begin filming in London next month for release at the end of the year, with Richard E Grant as their manager and other

stars in cameo roles. Geri said: "It is a parody of ourselves. It is also a celebration of London in the

Asked if she was scared of making a fool of herself by acting, "Scarey Spice" Mel B said: "We know we are not perfect but we will give it our best shot. It might be a smash hit but it might not. But at least we did it." Asked how long they can last in

# Nicholson story raises questions about the mixing of fact and fiction



A BRITISH film based loosely on the experiences of Michael Nicholson, the ITN reporter who adopted a Bosnian child, has reopened controversy about the portrayal of real

Michael Winterbottom's film Welcome to Saraievo depicts a mortar attack on a Sarajevo bread queue in which 16 people were killed and 110 wounded on May 27, 1992. The film intersperses archive footage with fictional material.

Speaking at a press conference

was compelled to defend his work against charges of bias by a former war correspondent. Paul Martin. The director insisted that, as archive footage had been used, it was an accurate reflection of what happened. Mr Martin, who reported for American television and made a documentary called Children of War, suggested that the archive film had been used "to add legitimacy to a nice piece of fiction". The news reports had simplified a complex

torting what really happened, he felt. "It was far too black and white - how nasty people are firing into

defenceless, valiant individuals. The director said that he could not see how a depiction of people being massacred while queuing for something as innocent as bread could have another side. Winterbottom and the lead actor, Stephen Dillane, drew attention to the copious research that had gone into making the film. Dillane — who plays a character based on Mr Nicholson spoke of his surprise that the iournalists who went to Bosnia had not read about the region's history efore going. David Aukin, of Channel 4 Films,

one of the co-funders, said that Mr Nicholson had seen and "loved" the film. One of the actors, Goran Visnjic, who had fought in the Croatian army, called the film "very realistic and very powerful".

The film opens in Britain at the end of this year and centres on a character called Michael Henderson, a British television correspondent. Discovering that an

orphanage on the frontline is being bombarded by artillery lire, he campaigns for the children's safety. Frustrated by the lack of response. he feels compelled to take action, smuggling a child home.

Mr Winterbottom, whose previous films include Jude with Kate Winslet, said he was not seeking to offer any political solutions, nor to criticise individuals in the West. Apart from reflecting the horrors of war, he said the film explored the dilemma for journalists of whether

to report events or to campaign for

to think about the war in Bosnia: Even if people spend an hour and a half thinking about Sarajevo, then it's been useful."

The writer, Frank Conrell Boyce,

change. Above all, he wanted people

described it as "an act of mourning rather than analysis".

Mr Nicholson is currently on assignment in Jerusalem. His adopted daughter, Natasha, now 14, was at school in Surrey yesterday. Mr Nicholson said: "She is deliriously happy and so are we. Her







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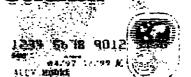
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# Blunkett will force councils to close inadequate schools

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE Government will force local authorities to shut failing schools that are showing no signs of improvement, following an emergency review over the weekend of the 281 which are now subject to special

In his first full interview as Education and Employment Secretary, David Blunkett said he would not wait for legislation before tackling the worst schools. "I want to create momentum. Rather than the hand-wringing we saw from the last Government, we must have positive

Stephen Byers, the Minister for School Standards, spent the weekend drawing up a hit list" of schools requiring attention. He will announce on Thursday how many schools have been found wanting, and they will be identified next week after their local authorities have been informed.

With action planned in the next few weeks against local authorities who are underperforming, councillors will have little choice but to accept the Government's recommendations. For some schools, this will mean closure and subsequent reopening under Lab-

our's "Fresh Start" proposals. The measures to be outlined next month in a White Paper will enable ministers to degiven new leadership and a

Blunkett: to tackle worst schools at an early stage

different name. But Mr Blunkett said: "We cannot delay because for every year that passes, the school is failing its pupils and opportunities for youngsters in that age group disappear."

More than 40 schools have spent at least two years under the special measures applied to those found by inspectors to be failing. Although the weekend review suggested that some were now improving, others have had a series of reports indicating only limited progress without being taken ation. Only Hackney Downs

# Expert help for MPs is an 'old Labour' idea

ONLY eight pieces of legisla-tion in 16 years have been subjected to the outside scrutiny that David Blunkett

plans for the education Bill. First proposed by George Cunningham, then a Labour MP, in the early 1970s, special standing committees were introduced in 1981 to give Parliament direct access to independent experts.

Mr Blunkett admitted that the new administration's heavy legislative programme eest obstacie to using the system. although use of the special committees. Mr Blunkett.

he was prepared to countenance amendments to his

Vernon Bogdanor, the Oxford authority on constitutional matters, said yesterday: "It would be useful to have more witnesses to advise MPs. The arrangement is more like the system in the European Parliament, which combines select and standing committees." Professor Bogdanor was on the Hansard Society commission which, in 1993, recommended

School, in East London, has suffered such a fate, closing within months of its takeover. Although other failing schools have been closed by their local authority or merged with a neighbour, invariably the acrion has been prompted by falling pupil numbers.

Mr Byers said yesterday: I am shocked that the previous Government was prepared to wait for more than two years and still not take action in relation to failing schools which were not significantly raising standards. This will change. We will intervene at an early stage."

Only a handful of schools are likely to face immediate closure, but ministers are expected to demand changes of leadership or temporary supervision in at least 20 more. Those subject to the Fresh Start procedures would acquire a new identity in time for the next school year.

Ministers are planning Congressional-style hearings on the Education Bill, which will form the centrepiece of Wednesday's Queen's Speech. as the first stage of a commitment to opening up the Parlia-

mentary process.

Mr Blunkett told The Times that the hearings would put into action little-used proce-dures to introduce a fresh style of consultation. Expert witnesses would guide MPs on legislation to ensure that new

measures were workable. He said: "Having served on numerous Bills. I know how cut off they are from the world that is carrying on its business in the normal way. I think Parliament would gain a great deal more esteem from listening to people who have got a contribution to make."

The new approach will begin this week when Mr Blunkett addresses all 4,000 civil servants in his department in Westminster Central Hall. "Many of them will never have seen previous Secretaries of State. I want to offer them a new beginning to harness their talents." State and independent

schools will receive a similar "disintegrated". appeal today in a letter from



# Victor is missing a share of the spoils

By DANNY McGrory

CLAIRE WARD, Labour's youngest woman MP ever, still has no office in the Commons, no telephone and nowhere to live in her constituency. "Apart from that everything is fabulous." she said. "I'm wandering around with all my wordly goods in a couple of carrier

Miss Ward, who was 25 last Friday as she was sworn in as MP for Watford, is among the Labour newcomers honest enough to admit they never expected to be

She had expected to spend the weekend continuing her studies to be a solicitor. But yesterday she was roaming an empty House of Comnons searching for some-

where to put her papers. "A friend who has been promoted in the new Government said I could use their office and this is a good time when nobody else is

way around this maze. Later she was back visiting estate agents in Watford trying to find somewhere to live. That apart, her only indulgence has been a visit

# Smith signals changes at the top of BBC

Carol Midgley hears the Heritage Secretary voice doubts over John Birt's reforms

THE Heritage Secretary yesterday pledged to review the structure of the BBC. Chris Smith likened it to the internal market of the National Health Service".

Mr Smith, expressing concern over the efficiency of the corporation, said he would be meeting John Birt, the Director-General, and the board of governors in the next few weeks. He said that while the much criticised reforms introduced by Mr Birt last summer had been intended to introduce competition within the BBC and increase efficiency, he worried they may have had the opposite effect. Mr Smith also stressed that the Government wished to enhance the BBC's public service role, not to see it

iking on *Mediumwave* on Radio

about the BBC's new managerial structure. "It mirrors quite closely what happened with the internal market of the NHS. It is a quasimarket, not a real market, which is supposed to inject competition into the system to make it more efficient. But my worry is whether it has actually made it less efficient."

He added: "I think one of the things we need to do is see whether the BBC is fulfilling its public service role, whether it is doing it efficiently, whether the licence fee payer is getting good value for money ... and whether the role of the board of governors is a good one. They are both the regulator of what the BBC does and also ultimately the managers, and that dual role is also something I want to look at."

Mr Smith hinted that he may wish to 4. Mr Smith said he was concerned appoint new members to the board

and would consider all positions. including the chairmanship of the BBC, currently filled by Sir Christopher Bland. He said: "I will be wanting to meet with them and talk with them and form my own judgment about the direction in which they are currently

wanting to take the BBC."
Mr Smith said that he fully supported the view put forward by Michael Jackson, the new Channel 4 chief executive, that the channel should concentrate less on foreign imports and more on British-based programmes and film making. He said the Government had no

intention of privatising Channel 4, adding: "One thing I am absolutely remit to do things differently that cater provides excellent value for money.

for minority audience He also promised to look into the

role of satellite television buying up the rights to major sporting events. "My aim is ensure that ordinary viewers and listeners should have good access to sporting events. They shouldn't have to buy a satellite dish or to subscribe to a satellite channel in order to have access to sport. There are many people in this country who cannot afford to do

The BBC put out a statement which said: "The BBC would look forward to having discussions with Mr Smith. We are always open to scrutiny but the most rigorous and independent audit carried out before the recent licence fee renewal gave the BBC a clean bill of health, confirmed significant improvedetermined is that C4 should retain its- ments in efficiency and showed that it



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# Convicted bomber in Sinn Fein office bid

BY NICHOLAS WATT AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

SINN FEIN has appointed a convicted IRA bumber to set offices at the House of Commons for the party's two MPs.

Siobhan O'Hanlon, who has served a jail term for explosives offences, opened discussions with officials at the Commons after Gerry Adams and Martin McGuin-ness won Belfast West and Mid Ulster respectively at the general election. On Sanurday The Times disclosed that Mr Adams and Mr McCuinness want to exploit every facility at Westminster short of taking their seats, in a softening of the party's traditional absten-

tionist policy.
Last week Ms O'Hanlon, a leading member of Sinn Fein, wrote to the Commons accountant setting out the party's demands that the MPs have offices and use of the Commons library and postal ser-vice: Mr. Adams has called Sinn Fein's policy active abstentionism because he and Mr McGuinness will still refuse to take the oath of allegiance to the Queen...

Sinn Fein is likely to experience difficulties with its plans because the Liberal Democrats, who are in charge of allocating offices to the small-er parties, said that they would not make any effort to help. The Government has dismissed the plans as "play-ing games with democracy". Conservative MPs are determined to prevent the move.

David Trimble, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, said yesterday that he would consult other parties and would be very surprised if something isn't done about this".

☐ More than 1.000 mourners attended the funeral of a Roman Catholic man who was kicked to death in Portadown two weeks ago. Five men were remanded in custody yesterday at Lurgan, Co Armagh. charged with murdering Robert Hamill. A sixth man was charged later.

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Squadron Leaders Cedric Hughes, left, Tony Cowan, centre, and Bill Purchase will fly up to 500 miles a day in the two RAF Chipmunks, shown practising yesterday

# Chipmunks to cross Siberia in quest for new air route

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ONLY seven years ago the sight of two RAF aircraft flying over Moscow would have heralded the start of a third world war. Now three RAF pilots are to take part in the first military expeditionary flight across the former Soviet Union at the invitation of the Russian Air Force.

The goodwill mission, codenamed Exercise Northern Venture, is the first such flight by any foreign air force since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1991. One of its aims will be to establish an air route across Russia for business and pri-

Squadron Leaders Tony Cowan, 51, Cedric Hughes, 60, and Bill Purchase, 56, have permission to fly over Russia and land in remote regions east of the Ural Mountains in two single-seat Chipmunk turbo-prop aircraft. It is hoped that a navigator from the Russian Air Force will fly with them to assist in landing at 15 airfields within the country.

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gasolene.

The flight, supported by an Islander aircraft carrying the third pilot with extra fuel and supplies, will be part of a sixweek trip around the world. It is due to begin from London City Airport on May 20.

Squadron Leader Cowan, who will lead the expedition. said that some of the airfields east of the Urals were so remote that it was unclear what the facilities would be like. However, the Chipmunk, which was the trainer aircraft for the RAF, Royal Navy and Army for 50 years until it ended its service in March this year, can fly on four-star

Squadron Leader Cowan, who is currently attached to RAF Cranwell, the training establishment, said: "One of the unknowns for Westerners is flying in Russia. It was closed to us from 1918 until the Berlin Wall came down. The scale of the country - 5,000 miles across, with ten time zones — will be difficult to

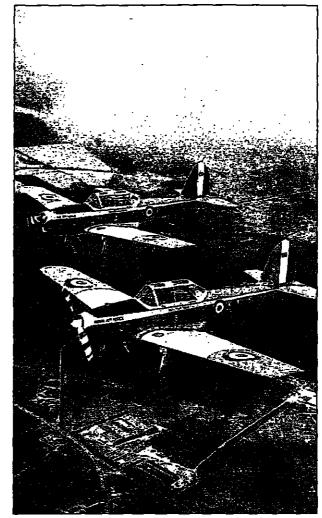
From Moscow, the two modified de Havilland Chipmunks, bearing RAF markings, will head east, following the line of the Trans-Siberian

Strait, a distance of more than 4.000 miles. East of the Urals. the expeditionary flight will cross Siberia; a similar trip planned last year had to be abandoned because of forest fires there.

The Chipmunks have been equipped with satellite-linked navigation equipment and all three men have been trained in survival skills because much of the land east of the Urals is swamp.

Squadron Leader Cowan hopes to fly the 145-horsepower Chipmunks up to 500 miles a day, cruising at about 100 knots at an altitude of 5,000ft. The round trip will be about has been divided into four sections: European, Russian, North American and North Atlantic. The trip is costing about £75,000, which is being met by sponsors including British Aerospace, British Telecom and GEC.

The Times will follow the progress of Exercise Northern Venture in further reports.



#### ENEWS IN BRIEF

# Stars raise cash for soccer fight

More than £500,000 is expected to have been raised from a pop concert held on Saturday to fund legal action on behalf of the 96 people crushed to death at Hillsborough foot-ball ground. Entertainers who waived their fees before an audience of 34,000 at Liverpool's Anticid ground included the Manic Street Preachers and the comedian Frank Skinner. Victims' families are campaigning for fresh inquests. They blame police error for the 1989

#### Death in fire

A woman died after a fire swept through her home in Tamworth, Staffordshire. All four daughters of Deborah Simons, 39, who was divorced, were out at the time. Firefighters pulled her out of a bedroom and tried to resuscitate her but she was pronounced dead on arrival at hospital.

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#### 'Spy' inquest

An inquest opens today into the deaths in 1992 in California of lan Spiro, who said that he worked for the intellience services, and his family. Evidence about the deaths of Mr Spiro, 46, and his wife and three children will be disclosed to the West Cumbria Coroner at Whitehaven.

#### Killer recaptured

A murderer who escaped from Wellingborough jail, in Northamptonshire, last month was recaptured as he returned to the area where he killed his grandmother in 1984. Frank Winson-Smith was stopped in St Albans after a chase involving police cars and a helicopter.

#### Cheese with love

A Hebridean cheese, which was banned in Italy in the late 1960s because it was said to be have aphrodisiac qualities, is to be produced again. The creamery on Islay, which was closed last year. is to be reopened in July or August Dunlop cheese.

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# UN sharpens its axe in shake-up for 21st century

THE United Nations is preparing a radical restructuring of its humanitarian and development functions as part of a sweeping reform plan intended to ready the organisation for the next century.

Officials say that plans are being made to consolidate disparate UN agencies and departments in a move that threatens some of largest fiefdoms of the organisation's system. The UN Development Programme, the UN Fund for Population Activities, the UN Children's Fund and the three economic departments of the UN Secretariat are to be brought together in what has been tentatively titled the Development Operations Group or "Dog".

The Department of Humanitarian

The biggest fieldoms of the United Nations are under threat from a move to merge its scattered agencies, James Bone writes from New York

insistence after the exodus of the Iraqi Kurds and the floods in Bangladesh in 1991, will be wrapped into the Geneva-based UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Kofi Annan, the Secretary-General, is under pressure to revamp the organisation to win back the wholehearted support of the United States, which owes more than \$1 billion (£620 million) in dues to the world

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The UN chief has promised to Affairs at UN headquarters in New York, which was created at Britain's July and has appointed Maurice

Strong, a Canadian businessman and UN expert, to prepare the report.

The first details of the planned restructuring began to seep out at UN headquarters, as agency heads and other senior officials gathered in New York last week to discuss the Questions still remain, however,

about the place of the World Food Programme, whose work is three quarters humanitarian relief and one quarter development. Also uncertain is how the UN Food and

ing Operations at UN headquarters are expected to remain separate. although they will work more closely together. The cumbersome Department of Public Information has already been renamed the Office for Communications and Media Scrvices and a committee set up to

reorient its work. Mr Annan has pledged to cut 1,000 posts by attrition from the 10,000strong bureaucracy of the UN Secretariat by the end of the century. saving tens of millions of dollars a year. But there is growing concern about the ageing of the UN staff, which has been caused by a longrunning hiring freeze. The average age of the permanent UN staff is

the new structure. The Departments of Political Affairs and Peacekeep per cent of staff in the UN Secretariat are under 35.

Germany, meanwhile, is pushing for the creation of a new World Environment Organisation and is offering office space in Bonn which is to be vacated when the German Government moves to Berlin. The proposed body would take over from the troubled UN Environment Programme, which is based in Nairobi. and the Commission for Sustainable Development created after the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, is expected to make his country's pitch for the new organis; ation at an environmental stummit scheduled to take place at UN headquarters at the end of next

# Rescuers in Iran race to reach areas hit by quake

FROM MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

AN INTERNATIONAL relief ing aimlessly through shatoperation was gathering mo-mentum last night to help Iran an earthquake that devastated a remote, mountainous area in the east of the country, killing at least 2,400 people and injuring thousands more. Aid workers expected the

toll to rise when rescue workers reached areas cut off by landslides and piles of rubble. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies appealed in Geneva for about £5 million to assist 60,000 survivors for the next four months in the area bordering Afghanistan.

Iranian television showed mass destruction in the stricken zone, with dazed children and weeping infants wander-



tered streets lined with bodies covered in sheets. Some of the victims were crushed to death, others buried alive under the rubble of mudbrick houses. Villagers tore at the rubble with spades and even with bare hands to free trapped

Hospital wards overflowed with victims, with doctors treating many in corridors. Most of the victims were women and children who were either at home or in school when the earthquake. measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale, struck on Saturday shortly after midday, a time when many men were out working in the fields.

Despite the impressive efforts of its own experienced disaster relief teams, Tehran lost little time in brushing aside its political differences with the West to appeal for help when the scale of the tragedy made clear it could not cope alone. Two previous quakes this

year had already depleted emergency resources. France was the first to help, dispatching a plane loaded with emergency supplies. Washington was expected to offer aid



Emergency relief teams search wreckage yesterday in an Iranian village flattened by Saturday's earthquake

through international organisations. Germany, ignoring a recent diplomatic row with Tehran over accusations that the Iranian leadership ordered the murder of dissidents in Berlin, said it was prepared to send emergency

Kuwait made a similar announcement and the Saudibased Organisation of the Islamic Conference appealed to its 52 member states to extend all forms of urgent humanitarian assistance. A British humanitarian org-

anisation, International Rescue Corps, was last night refused visas by the Iranian Embassy in London to visit the quake site.

Hamid Reza Ghaffarzadeh, a UN Development Programme official who played a similar role in last year's earthquake in Iran, left his office in Tehran to link up with staff from the World Food Programme and UN High Commissioner for Refugees based in Mashad before travoff," said Iftikar Ali. a UN spokesman in Tehran "The communications are down No one has been able to contact us. There is a great distance to be covered. The flights are only up to Mashad and there is a seven-hour trip

beyond that." Tens of thousands were left homeless by the quake, whose impact centred on an arid, rural area around the town of Qayen in Khorasan province. 90 miles west of the Afghan

had been severely damaged or flattened across a 60-mile swath of territory between the towns of Qayen and Birjand, with 10,000 homes destroyed. Water supplies and powe lines were also cut

. Qayen's Governor said his egion needed doctors, blood, ambulances, food, heavy earth-moving equipment and devices to locate possible SULVIVORS.

☐ Kabul: The quake toppled a hospital wall in the western border, The Iranian Red Cres- Afghan city of Herat, crushing "The area is completely cut cent said about 200 villages five people to death. (Reuter)

# **Frantic** villagers battle to save lives

FROM STEVEN SWINDELLS IN QAYEN, IRAN

THE wailing and sobbing of grieving relatives echoed through several Iranian villages yesterday as they watched the mangled bodies of family members being pulled from the rubble caused by the country's huge earthquake.

The villagers were still dazed a day after the quake. which measured 7.1 on the Richter scale, hit eastern Iran. During a six-hour tour of this area close to Afghanistan, I did not see any survivors brought out from the rubble in three villages where cranes were lifting heavy debris.

"I have lost my daughter," screamed one woman in her fifties, raising her arms in despair as she roamed the dusty, rubble-strewn streets of Hadjiabad. Her daughter had been engaged to be married. relatives said.

In the nearby village of Abiz, a man in his late forties stood next to the bodies of his sons, aged four and eight, wrapped in shrouds with only their battered faces showing. The bodies were laid on what used to be the front door of their home. I was away from the house working. My children were alone." he cried.

A despondent seven-yearold boy watched as relatives took his mother's body from their flattened home. A rescue worker, trying to comfort him. gave him biscuits. The boy was too stunned to react. "There aren't enough women left to clean the dead women." said one cleric, referring to the Islamic rite that precedes the burial ceremony. He said women from nearby areas were being brought in to perform the ritual.

Hossein Maldar, 20. stood atop his flattened brick house in Esbidan, 30 miles southeast of Qayen, crying over the loss of his 10-year-old sister and 16year-old brother. His clothes were covered in dust.

People in Qayen said about 100 houses and other buildings were damaged in the town, but there were no signs of major damage. (Reuter)



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# Gold from Holocaust victims 'laundered right up to the closing stages of war'



Himmler, head of the SS, dealt directly with the secret numbered account

# Swiss bank official had direct contact with Himmler's office

THE SS maintained a secret numbened account in a leading Swiss bank to launder money obtained from gold and jewellery plundered from concentration camp victims, and even re-ceived credit facilities, a Swiss

newspaper reported yesterday. The SonntageZeitung said former East German documents held in the German Federal Archive showed that Credit Suisse, now Switzerland's secand largest bank, dealt directly with the SS through two parallel operations. The archives show that some transac-tions took place in the final stages of the Second World War, when the role of Hitler's elite unit in carrying out the genocide of millions of Jews, Gypsies and opponents was more widely known it also claimed that the bank

knew who it was dealing with. one operation, Deutsche Wirtschaftsbetrieb (DWB), a front company set up by the SS, received credit facilities from Crédit Suisse. DWB organised the revaluation of the belongings of Holocaust victims, including gold teeth and other valuables, through the German central bank. One document shows that DWB

received a payment of SwFr80,000 from Credit Suisse to its account at the Deutsche Bank in Berlin on February 14, 1945, not long before the end of the war. The payment was listed as the reimbursement of a cash advance

The newspaper also revealed that the SS held a secret account at Credit Suisse, identified by a number, 54 941. Power of attorney was held by Leo Volk, a senior SS officer who handled financial affairs in Hitler's elite unit. The SonntagsZeitung named a bank employee who sometimes had direct

contact with the office of Heinrich Himmler, head of the SS, to deal with the secret account. When the Allies sought to freeze Nazi assets, the SS tried to conceal the ownership of the account in 1945 by transferring the power of attorney to Alfred Kurzmeyer, a director of Deut-

frequent trips to Switzerland during the Second World War. Crédit Suisse was unavailable for comment last night. But in a first reaction to SonntagsZeitung, the bank

sche Bank who also held a Swiss

passport. He is known to have made

would add the new evidence to internal investigations. Swiss politicians reacted with shock to the news, which establishes that a Swiss bank knowingly dealt with Nazi commanders rather than merely with individuals subsequently linked to the SS. In February, Crèdit Suisse paid about SwFr33 million (£13.5 million) to a humanitarian fund to compensate Holocaust victims. The head of the fund gave a warning this weekend that first payments, due this summer, were likely to be delayed because of disagreements over the management board.

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The newspaper's report puts further pressure on Swiss bankers, who have been obliged since last year to search through their accounts for millions of dollars of unclaimed assets belonging to Holocaust victims or their heirs. alleged to be hidden since the war.

So far, most of the evidence of financial dealings with the Nazis have been based on Allied intelligence reports held in American archives or on Swiss material. But the latest revelations give an indication of how much more evidence may be provided by the archives of other European countries, including Germany, which have not received the same close

A preliminary report by the United States Government on the Nazi gold transactions last week underlined the way that the Swiss National Bank and other neutral countries bought bullion from the Germans during the Second accused them of helping to finance Nazi Germany's war effort and apparently prolonging the length of the war. But it contained few references to the role of private banks.

# Pretoria launches attack on wave of 'Afro-pessimism'

THE South African Government has brought out a pam-phlet reviewing the Govemment's achievements at

mid-term - six months late. Questions have been raised about the use of public money to print and distribute the fiagrantly self-praising pam-phlet. The document is part of a government strategy to deal with "Afro-pessimism", a mood which operates partly both abroad and among South Africa's whites.

In the eyes of Afro-pessimists, the whole Continent is doomed to an intending cycle of corruption, authoritarianism, famine and war. South Africa's African National Congress-led Government has run hard into this mood as it struggles to encourage its own business community and international investors. Without their confidence, it cannot hope to secure the economic growth it needs to overcome the mountainous unemployment which lies at the root of most of the country's problems. But more fundamentally still. South Africa is now feeling, and asserting, its continental leadership.

This position is no longer really contested: the other large African countries -Sudan. Algeria. Zaire and Nigeria — are all at war or in chaos and none can begin to compete either with South Africa's economic strength or the positive international image President Mandela has

continental leaders, South Africa's elite sees Afropessimism and the assumptions that surround it as an affront to their self-respect and virtually a suggestion that things would have been better if the continent had stayed under white-minority rule. They want to assert that Africans can govern themSouth Africa is seeking to boost the morale of its white community, writes R.W. Johnson from Johannesburg

selves democratically and well, that they are not innately backward or violent, and that their economies can grow.

This is why Thabo Mbeki, the Deputy President, has been giving speeches in Amer-ica in which he talks of "an African Renaissance" and it is also the reason why he has worked so closely with the United States in trying to bring a solution to the problems of Zaire. It is not just that Mr Mbelo wants to show Washington that South Africa can be a reliable ally, but he also fears that should Zaire explode into further and chaos, it would confirm Afromaking all that South Africa wants to achieve more difficult.

There is, however, a problem. Crime remains high and in recent weeks, desorte official attempts to show that crime is falling, public morale about the problem has sunk to new depths, particularly in Johannesburg. Much of the crime is violent and continues to produce waves of white emigrants either to other parts of the country or abroad.

It is difficult to see how the Government can maintain local investment confidence unless it gets on top of the crime wave. The confidence of the white community counts. not only because foreign busithem, but also because most foreigners will not breest if the locals are reluctant to do so.

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# Zaire rebels resume march on Kinshasa FROM REUTER IN LUBUMBASHI

REBELS in Zaire yesterday said they had abandoned a pledge to South Africa's President Mandela and resumed their advance towards the capital, Kinshasa.

Bizima Karaha, the rebel "Foreign Minister", also told a news conference in Lubumbashi that the rebels would storm Kinshasa if Archbishop Laurent Monsengwo accepted his election as Speaker of the Zaire parliament. The archbishop was ap-

pointed on Saturday in the hope that he could mediate a peace deal between President Mobum and the rebels. Mr Karaha said that, over and fight and talk.

the past few days, Zairean troops backed by the Angolan rebel group. Unita, and former Rwandan troops had attacked rebel positions near the town of Kenge, 125 miles east of Kinshasa, but had been driven back.

"Mobutu has used the talks to reinforce his troops, bring in Unita elements, former Rwandan troops, and consolidate his position in Kinshasa," he said.

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# Christians flock to hear Pope call for Lebanon's liberty

By NICHOLAS BLANDFORD IN BEIRUT AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE POPE yesterday celebrated Mass in Beirut before thousands of Lebanon's Christians. He later called for the country's "total independence, complete sovereignty and unambiguous freedom", al-though he stopped short of saying that Syrian and Israeli forces should withdraw.

More than 300,000 Christians — about 10 per cent of the country's population - attended the outdoor seafront service, waving the yellow-and-white flags of the Vatican in the sweltering mid-morning

It was the Pope's first visit to the Middle East and his theme from arriving at Beirut airport on Saturday was reconciliation between the Christian and Muslim communities.

"Lebanon ... has shown that people can respect the rights of every individual to religious freedom; that all are united in love for this homeland," he said. He arrived to

take the Mass from the papal embassy in the mountain village of Harisa, 20 miles north of Beirut. His "Popemobile" was strewn with rose petals and rice from the 100,000 Christians lining the route.

Frequently interrupted by the chanting and singing of El*baba*, as he is known in Lebanon, he told the gathering to bridge the communal di vide. "You are the treasure of Lebanon . . . destroy the barri-cades. build new bridges of communication among each other." he urged.

The arrival of the Pope had been eagerly anticipated by

the Christians of Lebanon, the most important Christian community in the region, who hoped his visit would bolster their waning influence.

addressed thousands of Lebanon's young people in a cere-mony at the Notre Dame

Cathedral in Harisa that had

all the raucous atmosphere of

Although the Pope was wel-comed by all religious commu-nities, his visit has emphasised the country's sectarian tension. The Christian exile in Paris, leadership has community traditionally domfallen to the Maronite Patriinated Lebanese politics, but Cardinal Nasrallah



About 300,000 people attend Mass in Beirut yesterday. The Pope urged reconciliation between Christians and Muslims during his visit

the 1975-1990 civil war eroded their power base, and today the Christians consider themselves increasingly margin-alised from the political arena. With most of the Christian hierarchy now in self-imposed

largest Christian sect. Cardinal Steir has frequentaccused the Government of the Sunni Muslim Prime Minister, Rafik Hariri, of sectarian bias and has consistently at-

Butros Sfeir, the spiritual lead-

er of the Maronites, Lebanon's

has 35,000 troops in the country and Damascus retains a virtual hegemony over the

Lebanese Government Christian complaints have. highlighted the plight of the former leader of the Christian Geages, who is serving two

Christian opposition has objected to Mr Geagea's incar-ceration, noting that he was the only warlord from the 16year conflict to have been put

Before his trip, the Pope was inundated with appeals from Mr Geagea's supporters to recognise his predicament and

Syrian forces from Lebanon. But the Pope limited his comments to a 200-page document that he wrote on Lebanon's future, in which he called for Lebanon's full independence without referring by name to Syria or Israel, which

# Day of mourning highlights split among Israelis

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

SOMBRE weekend ceremonies to honour the 18.538 Israeli soldiers killed in the 49 years since the foundation of the state highlighted the growing divisions between secular and ultra-Orthodox Jews, many of whom do not serve in the armed forces.

The worst incident occurred in Jerusalem when ultra-Orthodox demonstrators hurled stones at a policeman standing to attention as air raid sirens wailed to mark the beginning of Memorial Day during which tens of thousands of Israelis visit military graves. It is customary for the country to come to a complete halt as the sirens sound. The policeman, who was injured, was one of a large squad on duty in Jerusalem's Bar-Ilan Street, which the ultra-Orthodox or Haredic Jews want closed during the sabbath. The protesters called the mourning policemen "Nazis" and taunted them with the cry: "Next Memorial Day they will

mourn you as well". In an interview to mark Memorial Day, Amonon Shahak, the Chief of Staff,

underlined the splits dividing Israeli society by claiming that these caused him more concern than the growing arsenal of Syrian long-range missiles in the process of being equipped with VX nerve gas.

Writing in The Jerusalem Post, Yosef Lapid, a leading journalist and Holocaust survivor, was scathing about the increasing influence of the ultra-Orthodox Jews who since last year's election have been working behind the scenes to impose their narrow views on many aspects of

"Israeli society is disappearing into the black hole of Haredism [ultra-Orthodoxy]. Tens of thousands of youngsters are squeezed Yeshivot [seminaries run by the ultra-Orthodox), evading IDF [Israeli Defence Force] service, avoiding productive work and study that is of any benefit to a modern country."

Mr Lapid added that fewer and fewer non-religious Jews who do army service and work for a living are supporting more and more idlers who are amassing political power."

# Saddam 'spies' face deportation from US

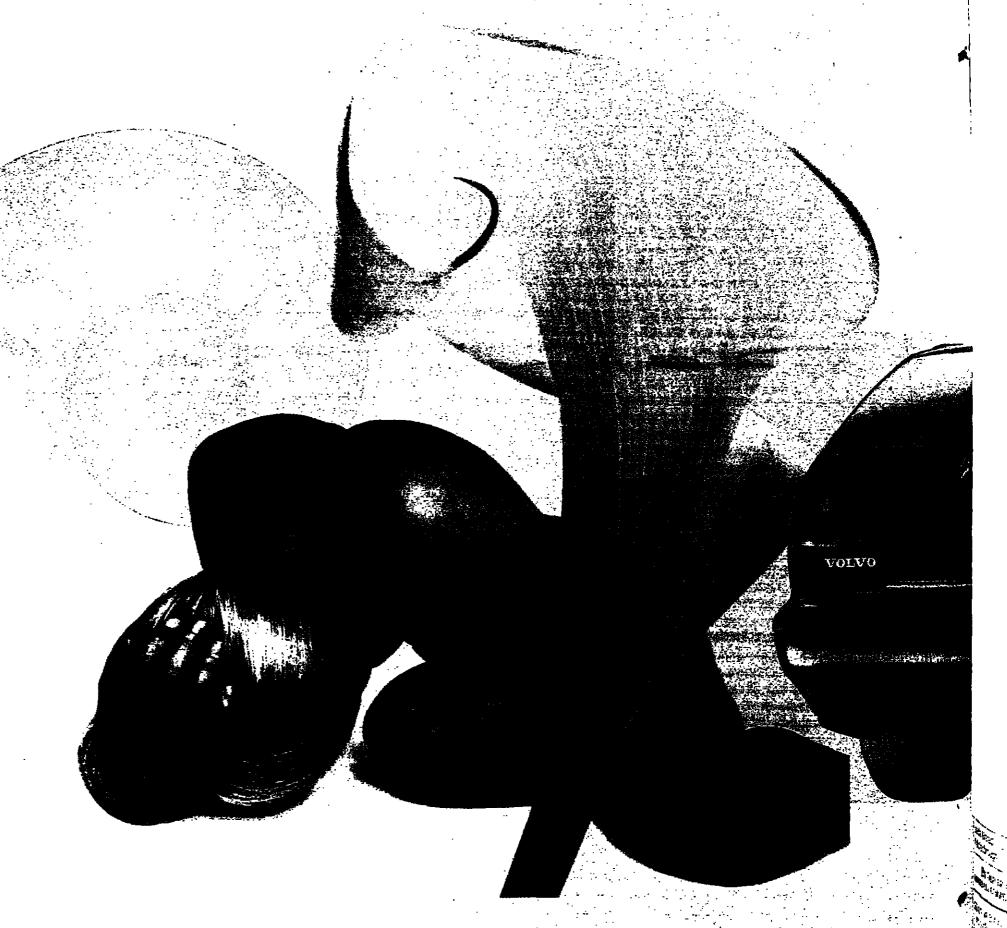
FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

A GROUP of Iraqis who worked with the CIA to try to overthrow President Saddam Hussein are in jail in California facing deportation, possibly back to lraq, as double The embittered 25 men and

one woman are accused by other refugees of working undercover for Saddam and of helped him to crush the ClA-backed Opposition when his forces stormed into Kurdish sanctuaries in northern Iraq last August. The speed of Saddam's success raised strong suspicions that his enemies had been heavily penetrated by his spies.

Up to 6,000 Iraqi refugees who fled from the disaster have been promised political asylum by United States authorities after a journey to Turkey and then to Guam, an American island in the Pacific. before reaching the mainland. Those in custody have been identified as national security risks, based on interviews with FBI agents, according to the Justice Department in Washington. Their cases will now be heard by an immigration judge. All deny being agents for Saddam and say they are victims of jealousies between two opposition groups.



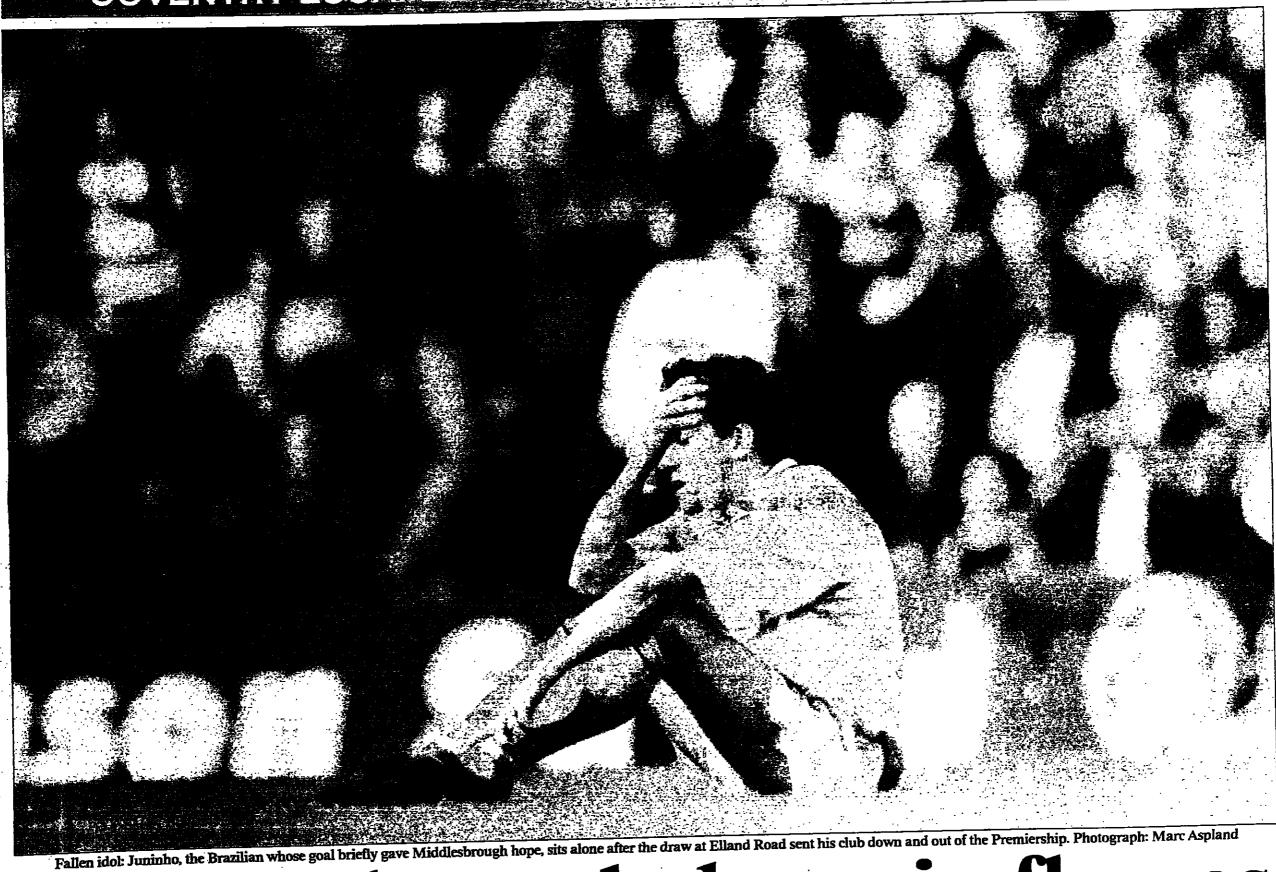


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# Middlesbrough down in flames

Leeds United. Middlesbrough...

BY OLIVER HOLT FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

BRYAN ROBSON'S bold attempt to transplant the exotic skills of Brazil and Italy to Teesside ended in failure and the utter despair of relegation on the barren land of Elland Road yesterday. A series of wildly expensive signings once acclaimed as the work of a visionary now stand condemned as an act of grand footballing folly.

Sent down, in the end, by the three points the Premier League. docked them when they failed to fulfil their fixture against Blackburn Rovers on December 21, Middlesbrough failed to secure the win they needed.

While goals from Dion Dublin and Paul Williams at White Hart

Lane saved Coventry City for the tenth time on the final day and sent down Sunderland, who lost 1-0 at Wimbledon, Middlesbrough could only manage a deflected shot from Juminho to counter Brian Deane's headed second-half goal. It was not enough. It was a bleak day for the North East and the revival of

football in the region. The FA Cup Final against Chelsea at Wembley next Saturday will provide a measure of consolation, although their players will have to be dragged up off the floor. But their relegation may rob the Premiership of Juninho, who has illuminated this season like a

shooting star.
It is likely the team, a blend of superstars and journeymen that has rarely gelled, will now disinte-grate. Robson even backtracked a little last night from his earlier insistence that his stars would stay. "I will have to sit down with my

first-team players and get their thoughts on the position of the club now," he said.

Emerson, who caused so much agonising earlier in the season with his trysts to Brazil, was substituted midway through the second half yesterday and stalked off straight down the tunnel, a symptom of everything that was wrong with the

Ravanelli, who scored 31 goals amid the mediocrity but was criticised by team-mates for returning to Italy for treatment on his strained back, was not fit. At the end, Juninho fell to the floor and would not be comforted.

The only vestige of hope now for them may be a High Court appeal against the Premier League's threepoint penalty. "At the end of the day," Steve Gibson, the Middlesbrough chairman, said, "we have been relegated because of a decision by grey men in grey suits

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behind closed doors. Whether we will take action is for me to know. I will do what is best for the club." A female streaker had lightened the tension a little just before the

kick-off. She brought a smile to the face of Juninho but it did not last. He gave his all, as usual, but so desperate has he become, so apparently lacking in confidence in the rest of his team-mates, that he began by trying to beat Leeds

United on his own. Leeds, who had not conceded a goal at home since Boxing Day,

forged the best early chance when Lilley wrestled aside Blackmore on the edge of the Middlesbrough area. His shot cannoned up off the body of Roberts and left him, fleetingly, with an open goal but his weak shot was cleared.

At the other end. Stamp had a fierce shot tipped over the bar by Martyn and then Juninho produced the game's best piece of skill by controlling an awkward ball from Pearson on the half-way line and slipping it past Halle.

Two minutes before the interval, Juninho played another perfectly weighted pass to Stamp who needed to provide only the simplest of touches to free Beck, unmarked again, in the centre. Once more, the ball failed to reach the Danish forward. In the half's dying seconds, though, Middlesbrough escaped. Mustoe's defensive header fell to Bowyer 15 yards out. He

sliced his volley wide.

Hignett, who had been paralysed by nerves, paid for the poverty of his performance when he was replaced by Kinder. Almost immediately. Juninho forged another chance for Middlesbrough when he slipped a through-ball between Leeds's two central defenders but Beck's left-foot toe-poke was saved

Nine minutes after half-time,

by Martyn at the second attempt. Kinder brought a new urgency to Middlesbrough's left flank and in the 69th minute, Robson took Emerson off, prompting his show of petulance and delighted cries of "Emerson's going home".

Four minutes after that, as Middlesbrough's Premiership life ebbed away, Rush nearly sealed their fate when he pounced on Deane's nod back and fired his shot in low at Roberts. The goalkeeper saved with his legs and when the ball was played back in. Lilley's tap in was ruled offside.

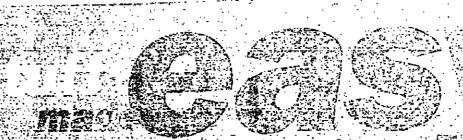
There was, though, to be no reprieve for Middlesbrough. Fourteen minutes from the end. Wallace, a substitute for Rush, curled a cross in from the right which was met by Deane's head and dis-

patched firmly beyond Roberts. Some Middlesbrough heads went down, but not Juninho's. Three minutes later, he cut in from the left and his right-foot shot was deflected off Bowyer and beyond Martyn. Middlesbrough mounted a furious late assault but the goal they needed would not come.

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Allen on song to steer

Monarchs to victory

FOR THE second successive week the crowd at Stamford

Bridge were treated to an anxious finish but yesterday it all

ended happily, with the London Monarchs beating the Scottish Claymores 16-8 (Richard Wetherell writes). With

just over a minute remaining, the Claymores, the detending

World League champions, got the ball back, requiring a touchdown and a two-point conversion to draw level. Starting on their own 45-yard line they got as close as the

Monarchs' six-yard line. Then, an incomplete pass and a

penalty took them backwards before another Claymores

penalty ended the game with five seconds remaining.
Clive Allen, the former England soccer striker, opened the

# Balding keeps a tight rein on Badminton

the fact that three-day eventing is not the tele-oh, it's another ducking.). On eventing is not the television sport it once was is not the BBC's fault, as it set out to show on Saturday by wheeling out the sort of treatment that even the mainest of mainstream sports would aspire to - the best part of an hour on Grandstand, followed by more than two hours of live, uninterrupted coverage on BBC2 of the Mitsubishi Motors Badminton Horse Trials. And not a princess or dashing consort in sight ... well, not on horseback. anyway.

From a television point of view, the cross-country stage of a three-day event is a sporting oddity. On the one hand it combines the genuine excitement of watching rider and horse in nostril-flaring close-up with slapstick comedy

WEATHER delays interrupt-

ed play for more than two

hours in the final round of the

Benson and Hedges International Open at The Oxford-

shire yesterday. There was a

hold-up of 40 minutes soon

after play started and then a

longer one in the late after-

noon when an electrical storm

been adversely affected by the

disruptions, but not Bernhard

Langer as he strove to win his

second event in eight days.

The worse the weather, the

more difficult the conditions.

the better he played. He is

After taking the Italian

Open with a superb last round

of 64 eight days ago. Langer

moved into a two-stroke lead

over Lee Westwood with seven

stroke ahead of Ian Woosnam

At this stage, Langer was 11

Many golfers would have

arrived in the area.

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holes remaining.

the other, these thrills and spills have precious little bearing on the overall outcome. That is dictated by the dressage, which the BBC could not be bothered to show and by the showjumping yesterday that many of us - no doubt could not be bothered to watch. For those who missed it, Ian Stark and Stanwick Ghost knocked down five fences including the first, a feat of scoreboard vandalism that reduced Michael Tucker. the BBC's main commentator. to total silence.

But despite the proven importance of each gaudily-painted showjumping pole, it is the cross country that captures the imagination ... and the television audiences. As the afternoon progressed and

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Langer clings to

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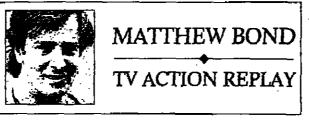
By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

the ten minutes it took Ian

Woosnam and Eduardo Ro-

mero to complete the 9th hole

and reach the 10th tee. As they



the weather moved from foul to fair, three things impressed. The first two were technical some excellent overhead camera work from a circling helicopter or airship, which gave a real idea of the lay-out of the course, and some ingenious parallel pictures of horses at full gallop taken from a camera mounted on some sort of swift but silent vehicle. The third success was hu-

knows her horses and knew the course well enough to stand in as commentator while her guests watched the normally painful replays. She coaxed mild controversy from Mark Phillips, who thought it was the easiest course for man, Clare Balding. The BBC some years. She cajoled humhas tried various ways of our from an exhausted Pippa presenting three-day eventing Funnell: "I think I should

in recent years and normally

what results is either too

giggly or too posh. Balding

excellent microphone voice,

definitely give up smoking for next year." And she coped admirably with the unexpected, when Stark inexplicably left her interviewing a tree with 90 seconds to go.

In the commentary box. Tucker and his co-commentators, Lorna Clarke and Lucinda Green, were demonstrating a depth of knowledge that at times bordered on the comical. Clarke and Green competing to show who knew more about a particular Swedish rider. She's a pilot." "She used to be an acrobatic skier." She's the daughter of a priest. Eventually, Green moved reluctantly

Making sure that the whole thing didn't become offincestuous

dy Sheppard, the producers. who, as well as ensuring that the camera-work remained impressive throughout, also kept editorial input under rewardingly tight control. If the commentary team had built up a particular rider particularly well or simply spotted someone showing a bit of flair, they made absolutely certain that Balding grabbed a few words with whoever it was afterwards — even if she did have to barge into the weighing-in tent to get them.

Only one thing defeated their efforts, the complete inability of the otherwise enjoyon ... to tell us about a horse able Tucker to master the electronic time-keeping. "He's bred by Eddie Macken's wife's ten seconds down ... come on Ian ... in fact he's up, not overexcited." At last, a soul mate for Murray Walker.

# scoring for London with the first field goal of his new career. He added another from 27 yards and a third goal in the final quarter. In stark contrast, the Claymores missed three long-

BALLROOM DANCING: Cambridge won the Varsity match for the second year in succession, inflicting a convincing defeat on Oxford over all four dances — waltz. quick step, cha-cha and jive (Ruth Gledhill writes). In 24 years, Oxford have now won the Varsity match 16 times, compared to eight victories for Cambridge

Cambridge waltz home

However, the Oxford B team fought back, easily defeating Cambridge over the four dances at the spacious Kelsey Kerridge Hall on Sanurday.

Some observers put the defeat of the eight-couple Oxford A team down to a last-minute rule change, which rendered

some of the leading Oxford dancers ineligible for the Varsity

# McCarron shares lead

GOLF: Scott McCarron coped with the twin handicaps of a pulled hamstring and a testing breeze to join David Duval in the lead after the third round of the BellSouth Atlanta Classic in Duluth, Georgia. McCarron produced seven birdies in a round of 66, six under par. Duval, the leader after two rounds, biogeyed the final hole for a 73, and he and McCarron stood at II-under par 205, two strokes ahead of their fellow American, David Toms. Bill Glasson was a further three shots back, along with Nick Price, of Zimbabwe, who finished with a double bogey at the 15th and a bogey at the 17th.

# Somerset depart early

BOWLS: Somerset, the defending champions, waved goodbye to their hopes of retaining the Walker Cup when they made an undignified preliminary round exit from the national women's double rink championship. Dorset overwhelmed the holders by an unprecedented margin of 23 shots. 45-22. In another upset, Warwickshire defeated Nurfolk, after a tense finish, and by a single shot. 35-34.

# Mason keeps her title

GYMASTICS: Lisa Mason, of Huntingdon Gym Club. retained her title for a second successive year by beating Annika Reeder, of Basildon, into second place and Gemma Cuff, of Heathrow, into third at the British championships in Guildford on Saturday. Melissa Wilcox, of Bristol, won the junior championship and Katy Lennon, from Leatherhead and Dorking, the 12 and 13 years age group.

# Boldon sprints in

metres of the year in winning a race in Modesto, California. in 9.89sec on Saturday. The time was the seventh-fastest of all time. The world record, set by Donovan Bailey, of Canada, at the Olympic Games last year, is 9.84sec. Boldon was the bronze medal-winner in the 100 and 200 metres in

#### Carmichael on target

SHOOTING: John Carmichael, of Worcestershire, yesterday won Lord Cottesloe's Cnp, the top individual award at the English VIII Club meeting at Bisley where men and women fire at ranges up to 1,200 yards. Carmichael, twice a target rifle team world championship gold medal-winner, took the trophy with 399 out of 450, the lowest score in the event for many years because of the windy conditions.

#### China strike quickly

SWIMMING: China captured the first gold medal of the East Asian Games in Pusan, South Korea, yesterday when Zhu Yingwen won the women's 100 metres freestyle on the first day of competition. Zhu finished in a time of 56.72sec. followed by Guo Wei, also of China. Lee Bo-Eun, of South Korea, was third. China won 25 gold medals at the previous

# Hill installed at Palace

eddingto

BASKETBALL: Crystal Palace, who were expected to announce the arrival of an experienced coach this week, have plumped instead for the virtually untried Graham Hill. At 29, Hill will become the second-youngest coach in the Budweiser League. Dan Lloyd and Mark Clark, the respective assistant coaches at London Towers and the Leopards, were expected to be the front-runners for the job.



Langer, buffeted by wind and rain, refused to be distracted by conditions

putter lightly and thus found it is sharper than a tack. There is he finished with an 84. "I less easy to putt well in a wind. never any point in trying to don't know what I'll do next. "I have never won in a outsmart him. "That was year," he said. "I am not wind," Montgomerie said. It was pointed out that he had nearly won the 1992 US Open at Pebble Beach when the breeze was certainly more than a zephyr. Montgomerie

because I hit my irons so close," he replied. "I didn't really have to putt that day." Montgomerie must be dreading the arrival of this event each year. Last season

looking forward to coming back here. It is so exposed You could play at Wentworth and it would be little more than a breeze, but here it's a

RUGBY LEAGUE: INSPIRED SECOND-HALF BURST HALTS A TWO-YEAR UNBEATEN HOME RUN BY LANCASHIRE SIDE

# Leeds end proud Salford record

end the two-year unbeaten home league record of Salford Reds with an inspired secondhalf performance that enabled them to consolidate third place in the Super League. The teams were level at

14-14 in the 56th minute, but

They went ahead in the second minute when Blackmore's wild pass found Sterling, the wing, who went over in the corner. However, Salford responded quickly to take the lead with tries from Morley and Forber.

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Sterling scored his second try from Harris's kick and Harris then nipped over from acting half back and converted his own try to give Leeds a 14-10 half-time lead.

Salford drew level through McAvoy, but Leeds then took full control with Hassan

racing 75 yards after a smart scrum move. Holroyd added a dropped goal to make it 21-14 and Leeds then confirmed their superiority with further tries from Sheridan and Hassan, with a superb 90vard effort.

Halifax Blue Sox staged a spectacular finale to overcome Warrington Wolves 42-30 after an exciting, 14-try spectacular that was decided only in the final eight minutes at Tarum Hall. Warrington, still finding their feet under Daryl van de

their new coach. opened the scoring on eight minutes through Sculthorpe. Halifax gained the initia-tive with first-half tries from Bouveng Chester and the first of two from Tuilagi. Too Kohe-Love replied for Warrington

with a try on 19 minutes, followed by the first of two from Wingfield to make the half-time score 18-16 to In the second half. Pearson. of Halifax, and Shelford, of

Warrington, were sent to the sin-bin after an exchange of blows before Wingfield scored his second try.

Michael Jackson turned the game in Halifax's favour with his first try on 52 minutes, following a thrilling 40metre run. He added a second after 60 minutes, after a similar burst which fully justified his man-of-the-match award. Warrington fought back through Briers and Vagana, but Halifax sealed the game with late tries from Rowley and Tuilagi.

Castleford Tigers remain at the foot of the Super League after their tenth successive league deleat, against Paris Saint-Germain, Paris trailed S-2 at the interval but secondhalf tries from Bergman and O'Donnell steered them to only their second league win of the season.

# Eagles hit by fourth successive defeat

Sheffield Eagles ......... 14 Oldham Bears ...... 18

By Christopher Irvine

THE manner of their defeat would hardly have encouraged potential investors to purchase a stake in Sheffield Eagles's proposed public flotation

Sheffield's fourth successive loss has dragged them into a scramble, involving four clubs, at the foot of the Stones Super League to avoid the supposed one relegation place, However, if Oldham Bears can repeat the resolution shown yesterday at the Don Valley Stadium, they could well start to climb away from the danger zone.

Results and tables ....

After losing to Halifax in the final minute of their last match, there was particular satisfaction for Oldham in only their second league victory. After Andy Goodway's departure as coach. Bob Lidner, who has arrived back at the club as football manager, has instilled a spirit that withstood a Sheffield fightback in the second half. His nails were cut to the quick by the finish, however.

Oldham's point-scoring was confined to the first half. They ran out to Teddy Bear's Picnic, and, suitably provoked, ex-ploited Sheffield's vulnerability out wide twice in the opening six minutes. The Eagles' defence slithered in its vain pursuit of Abram, and was then caught out on the other flank by Hill, after a knock-on from the restart by

by Stott, Sheffield appeared bereft of ideas going forward in the first period. Two further tries left them trailing 18-4 at the break, when slick handling produced a try for the dangerous Levila. Jones, unmarked, then went over on the left after Lord supplied the

scoring pass.
Instead of consolidating their advantage. Oldham suf-fered a bout of nerves and Garcia took advantage to race clear. Then, Broadbent was feebly allowed to twist out of a two-man embrace while Aston's one successful conversion brought Sheffield to within four points midway through the second half.

Oldham then squandered numerous chances to put the result beyond reasonable doubt. If Maloney, charging up the right, had bothered to raise his head, he would have seen Neal screaming for the ball on his inside. In a frantic finale. Atcheson gratefully got his hands on a chip by Wood before time finally ran out on the home side.

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OLDHAM BEARS; P Archeson: A Leuta, H
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Subo Glord, P Davidson, M Meak J Clarke.
Referes: R Cornody (Wigan)

☐ John Bentley, the British Isles wing, yesterday signed an extension to his Halifax contract which will keep him at Thrum Hall until 1999.

Bentley, a dual international. agreed another 12-month deal with the Blue Sox as compensation for missing six weeks of the season as he tours South Africa with the Lions.



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and Padraig Harrington and Eduardo Romero were two shots further back.

winds. Any semblance of brightness would disappear from the sky and soon rain

It is hard to describe the weather conditions. One minute the sun shone and the course was playable. The next moment. huge menacing

would be falling in sheets. How quickly the weather

changed was demonstrated in

clouds would be borne in on the strong south-westerly

green they were heading to-wards clouds that were darker than a raven's wing. Sure enough, just as Romero waited to drive, a siren went. play was halted and they sought refuge in a tent by the side of the tee. Under the circumstances the 71 by Emanuele Canonica. the first man out, represented

a miraculous score. Canonica eagled the 1st when, after an enormous, wind-assisted drive had travelled 380 yards. he sank his second shot, a 50yard pitch with a sand-wedge.

#### **DETAILS**

walked up to the 9th green the Canonica, an Italian, sky above the Chilterns to dropped only two strokes all day. But perhaps he is used to their left, looked light. The moment they walked off the leaning into the wind. After all, he comes from Pisa. No two players demonstrated such contrasting fortunes as Andrew Oldcorn and Colin Montgomerie. Both are thought to be Scottish.

Montgomerie is, though he

lightning.

chooses to live in Surrey. Oldcorn is not, though he lives in Edinburgh, has a Scottish accent and supports Hearts. Born in Bolton, he won the English amateur championship in 1982.

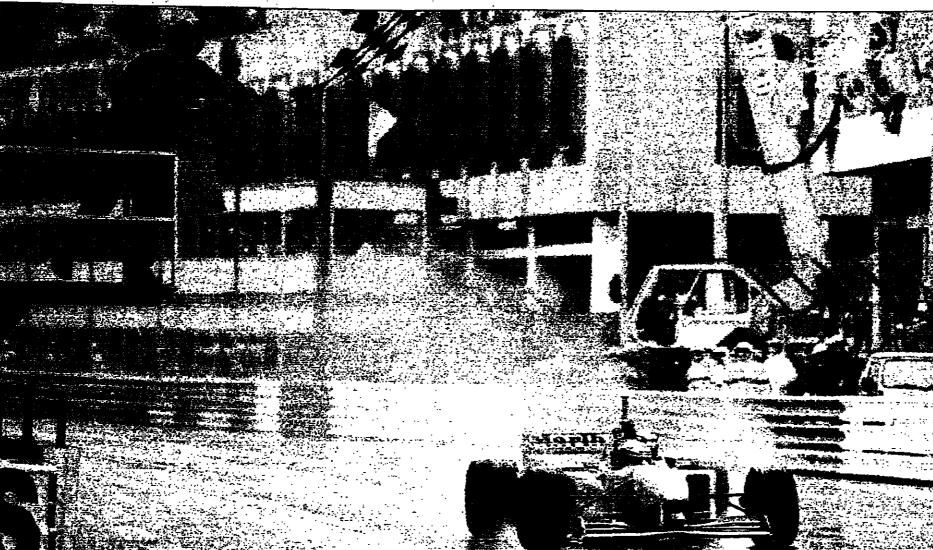
Oldcorn's round of 71 was was ten strokes better than Montgomerie's 81 and meant he finished on 289, one over par, nine strokes ahead of gomerie. Oldcorn had no difficulty on the 2nd, a par three of 165 yards. Montgomerie found the green but

because of the danger of

then took five putts. Once Severiano Ballesteros was asked how he had taken four putts and he replied: "I missed a two-footer for my

When Montgomerie was asked if it was true that he had taken five putts there was a risk of an explosion. In truth, he is making big strides in controlling his temper and he kept a sufficient grip of him-self to explain that he held his

# MOTOR RACING: FERRARI CELEBRATE MILESTONE WITH DECISIVE VICTORY IN MONACO GRAND PRIX



Michael Schumacher crosses the finish line nearly one minute ahead of the field for Ferrari's first victory in Monte Carlo since 1981. Photograph: Mike Hewitt / Allsport

# Brilliant Schumacher reigns supreme

FROM ROB HUGHES IN MONTE CARLO

MICHAEL SCHUMACHER. the German who has twice been world champion and will assuredly be so again, enjoyed Monte Carlo in the rain yesterday, aquaplaning to a victory which, even by his standards, demonstrated that he is the consummate Formula One driver of his era.

Schumacher chose, correctly, to race in the Ferrari spare car because it had been set up for "intermediate" conditions, rain and dry; he proved from the green light that his hunger to caress home his scarlet car on the fiftieth anniversary of Enzo Ferrari introducing the dream machine to racing has not diminished with the serenity that has come into his life after the recent birth of his first daughter, Gina Maria.

However, it was a day that Ferrari could enjoy even beyond the unquestioned skill of the man they pay £1 million per race. Eddie Irvine, who must now be called "Steady Eddie", has so quelled his volatile Ulster temperament that, for the third successive race, he finished on the podium, in third place. It means that Ferrari, on their precious anniversary, are omnipotent again, top of the drivers' championship with Schumacher, and top of the constructors' championship.

Separating the Ferrari driv-ers, beaming from Monaco to São Paulo, where he was born, Rubens Barrichello claimeti

second place, the first finish and the first points for the new Stewart Ford combination. Jackie Stewart said: "I have never been happier, not from a victory, not from a championship. I was never emotional about my racing, but Paul [his son) and I sat together throughout the race, and when Rubens crossed the line we both burst out crying. But for a certain Mr Schumacher.

Ferrari would have been second today." So, a remarkable day in the wet around Monaco's lampposts, narrow, twisting streets and opulent harbour. It had been wet before, indeed last year, when only three finished and Schumacher himself was

embarrassed to go out at the

first corner. This time, as the clouds gathered, the tension mounted. Moments before taking up his position on the grid, Schumacher mused on the decision whether to drive his own car or the spare.

"I was thinking that we had set up two solutions, one for dry and one in case it rained a little bit," he said. "I just decided in the last seconds, though with wet tyres I was concerned to see Heinz-Harald [Frentzen] on slicks. He could have been right, I could have been wrong . . . but once out there, it felt so bloody slow in the corners at Mirabeau, Loews and Portier that I was thinking I could run What is this, questions in

the mind of the master driver? Questions indeed. "Can anyone tell me what happened to my brother?" he asked immediately afterwards. His younger sibling, Ralf, had bumped into a guardrail and his Jordan slid to a halt, rather like a taxi parking, in front of the Café de Paris at the devilish Casino

Michael Schumacher was. by that time, II laps into the race. Damon Hill, the champion, losing his grip on the road and on nearly everything else, had already slithered out on lap two, which seems to be as far as the Arrows can take him. How very sad, and how honest of Irvine to admit that, starting from fifteenth pos-ition, just behind Hill, there

had been a bunch of drivers nor a clear view, he erred bumping and boring. "I hit a couple of people up the rear, I was hit up the back and on the side [one of them Hill]," he said. "Fortunately the Ferrari is a very strong car."

Fortune had less to do with it as the race stretched out, as Schumacher outclassed every driver in a display that fell seven seconds short of perfection over two hours. His one lapse - though he would admit that he and Irvine were having to use the clutch into slow corners to hold back the rampant power of their Ferraris - came on lap 52 of the 62 they were able to complete in the time.

So unprepared that he did

DETAILS FROM MONTE CARLO and Alesi 3; 14, Salo 2; 15, Lamii 1 Constructions: 1, Ferrari 38pts; 2, Williams Renault 30; 3, McLaren-Mercedes 20; 4, Benetton-Planault 13; 5, Prost Mugen-Honda 9; 6, Jordan-Paugeot 7; 7, Steworford 6; 8, Sauber-Petro

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GRANDS PRIX TO COME: May 25: Spenish (Bercelona). Jun 15: Canadien (Mortieal). Jun 29: French (Magny-Cours). Jul 19: British (Silverstone). Jul 27: German (Hockenheim). Aug 10: Hunganan (Hungaroring). Aug 24: Belgian (Spenrancort-amps). Sep 7: Italian (Monza). Sep 21: Austren (A-1 Ring). Sep 28: Luxembourg (Nitriburging). Oct 12: Japanesse (Suzuka). Oct 26: Portuguese (Estorii).

trophy. lan Stark, of Britain, the overnight leader after his copybook cross-country round on Stanwick Ghost, saw his hopes of a third Badminton win crash about his ears when the Il-year-old gelding, owned by Lady Hartington, incurred 25 showjumping penalties. Last year, in similar circum-

teenth. But the British selectors had

fence, over the 12-fence course.

Only Barrichello and Irvine were on the same lap by the O'Connor and Custom Made. finish, though ten drivers Neither of the Williams cars finished. "The choice of tyres Frank Williams, said. "If it had worked out it would have made us heroes. Our choice

fine drizzle for 20 to 30 minutes. Under these most difficult circumstances, the True, but one was pretty nearly faultiess. He is the man putting Ferrari back where countless tifosi, the addicts of the Ferrari legend, believe it belongs. "I need a driver with intelligence, I need someone to push and improve the team, I

on Lighter than Air. The arrival of the handsome Irish-bred Custom Made in his yard continued the trend. They won Lexington in Kentucky in 1995 and were third at Badminton last year - a performance which guaran-

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

# Badminton is **Custom Made** for O'Connor

By JENNY MACARTHUR

DAVID O'CONNOR, of the United States, who first came to Badminton as groom to Mark Todd in 1980, fulfilled a longstanding ambition when he won the Mitsubishi Motors Trophy vesterday after a showjumping phase which proved almost as dramatic as the storms which accompanied it. O'Connor, 35, a team silver medal-winner in the Olympic Games in Atlanta, is only the second rider from the United States to win the

stances, Stark had dropped to sixth place. Yesterday, to the dismay of the spectators who had come to applaud his victory, he dropped to thir-

their consolation. Mary King, within a whisker of maintaining her eight-month unbeaten record, finished runner-up on her Burghley winner, Star Appeal. King had just one mistake, at the penultimate

William Fox-Pitt wiped out the memory of his disappointing Atlanta trip with a superb performance on Frank Andrews' Cosmopolitan to take third place. Fox-Pitt, who was under pressure to prove that the 10-year-old gelding was a true four-star horse, silenced his critics with a foot-perfect cross-country performance and a clear round yesterday. But the day belonged to

One of the most popular and articulate - riders on the circuit, vesterday's win has confirmed O'Connor's place in the top echelons. His stylish performances over the last four days were in marked contrast to his first visit in 1991 when he failed to complete after being run away with on Wilton Fair. 1 realised I needed to go away and relearn my whole approach to the sport," he said yesterday.

Training from the Oxfordshire-based Lars Sederholm -Stark's trainer - paid dividends. The following year he returned to Badminton and was seventh. In 1993, the year he married fellow event rider Karen Lende who finished 55th yesterday, he won the British Open Championships

teed them selection for Atlanta

where they were fifth in the individual contest. Yesterday's win left O'Connor almost speechless. "It's a magic feeling - I feel I can't breathe', he said after receiving the mag-nificent tropy and £25,000 first prize. "When you're a kid this is the one you want, this is the one you dream of winning."

The drama unfolded yesterday even before the start of the showjumping. Andrew Hoy's Darien Powers, lying in fourth place after a copybook crosscountry round, was withdrawn, lame, — completing a disappointing weekend for Australia, the Olympic champions. Robert Lemieux, of . Canada, lying eighth after his best performance for a decade. also withdrew Just An Ace after he too was held over during the final horse inspection.

With riders going in reverse order of merit yesterday the atrocious conditions which beset the first half of the field had subsided by the time the afternoon session, involving the top 20, began. Daisy Dick completed her stylish perfor-mances this week on the 14year-old Headley Bravo with a

#### DETAILS

MITSUBISH MOTORS TROPHY: 1, Custom Made (D O'Connor, US) 49 25pts, 2, Star Appeal (M Ying, GB) 55.00: 3, Cosmopolitan (W Fox-Pitt, GB) 55 60: 4, Chesterfield (B Tait, NZ) 56 20: 5, Lafayett (L Algotsson, Swe) 57 20: 6, Squirrei Hill (S Clark, NZ) 61.40: 7, Headley Bravo (D Drick, GB) 62.0: 8, Eagle Lon (B Davidson, US) 64 20: 9, Bits and Pieces (P Funnell, GB) 65.0, 10, Bounce (V Jetters, NZ) 65 20

Pippa Funnell, whose superb crosscountry round on Sarah Jewson's endearing Bits and Pieces confirmed that their fourth place at Burghley was no fluke, incurred five faults at Fence six and drooped from eighth to eleventh place. Blyth Tait, the New Zealand

Olympic champion. lying seventh, put the pressure on the leaders with a stylish clear round on Chesterfield. Fox-Pitt then produced his faultless round. King gave O'Connor a breathing space with her five faults — but O'Connor had no need of any help. Faultiess to the end he left Stark with no room for error if the "Flying Scot", as he is known, was to retain his first place.

Even with a reliable showjumper it would have been an unerving moment for Stark. But he was sitting on a horse who, until this spring — when Sederholm had helped retrain him — had not jumped a clear showjumping round since 1994. The suspense did not last. The first fence fell and after that it was a matter of Stark trying to limit the damage as pole after pole fell.

#### HOCKEY

Jackie Stewart and his son, Paul, celebrate their first points

# **Teddington show mettle**

Reading Teddington ....

By Sydney Friskin

TEDDINGTON regained the Hockey Association Cup after an exciting victory against Reading, the holders, in the final at Milton Keynes yester-

Teddington once again un-derlined their resilience in a

fiercely-fought match played in blustery winds and driving rain. After squandering three short corners in their early assault on the Reading goal, Teddington were shaken when the premier division champions scored from their first move of consequence.

Ashdown picked up a loose ball at the top of the circle and flicked it to Hoskin, who scored with a superb angled

# shot in the 24th minute. Barely Clifton aim to finish bridge into Europe

CLIFTON avenged their de-feat by Ipswich last year in the AEWHA Cup final when Denise Marston-Smith scored two second-half goals to steer them to a 4-2 victory over the holders in the semifinals yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). The Bristol club will meet the former winners, Hightown, in the final in a formight after they beat their northern ri-

vals. Doncaster, 2-0. Tammy Miller, the Clifton captain, who led her team to a third-place finish in the Premiership this season, was quick to look ahead to the final. "We've had a couple of really successful seasons and deserved to win, especially after we made such a good start," she said. "It also shows that losing in last season's final wasn't just a lucky run. Now we want to go all the way and qualify for Europe." Miller set up Clifton's opening goal after just three min-

utes, when she broke down the right from inside her own half and, after passing to Culliford, Rayden applied the finishing touch to her pass when she deflected the ball into the roof of the net.

Fry converted a fifteenthminute penalty stroke to equalise, but Marston-Smith put her side ahead from the penalty spot a minute after the break and made it 3-1 in the fiftieth minute. Miller increased the lead when she cracked in a penalty corner three minutes later before Sandall replied with a conso-

lation goal At Doncaster, Hightown had their two former England captains, Linda Carr and Maggie Souyave, to thank after they both scored to help them into their fourth final Carr converted a secondminute penalty stroke and Souyave sealed the win in the 59th minute after a slick passing movement.

two minutes later Conway's creative powers inspired Billson to score the equaliser,

and the battle was joined. The pattern changed in the second half, with Reading's attacks looking more sus-tained, but their failure to convert three successive short corners proved costly.

The tide turned when Teddington broke away for Conway to score in the 58th minute from a well-worked short corner.

Reading hurled themselves into a fierce offensive in the last five minutes, with Pearn and Hoskin conspicuous, but their hopes faded when Hoskin was suspended for a desperate tackle. Laslett's midfield scheming played a prom-inent part in Teddington's

West Herts retained the Hockey Association Trophy after a 4-0 victory over De Montfort University, from Bedford. The students, 2-0 down at the interval, raised their game in the second half, but to no avail as West Herts scored twice more through Graham Day, from a short corner, and Hodgkinson. Taylor and Willis, from another short corner, scored their earlier goals.

The Veterans Trophy for players over 50 was retained by Eastcote, who defeated Basingstoke 2-1.

READING: R Hargreaves; J Slay, J Wystt, Oscroft, A Holden, M Hosten, G Edwards, Sanders, R Todd, M Peern, S Ashdow Sube used: A Jones, S Bracce, J Loose TEDDINGTON: J Eosworth: T Moore, P McGuire, S Dawldins, A Colclough, J Lasien, J Wallie, S Nicklin, J Hauck, N Conway, A Bitson, Subs used: D Haydon, P Way, G

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#### **TENNIS**

CHAMPIONSHIP POSITIONS (after five races): Drivers: 1, M Schumacher 24pts; 2, Vitleneuve 20; 3, Invine 14; 4 equal, Coulthard, Frentzen, Berger and Heldmen 10; Parils 9; 9, Bamichello 6; 10 equal, R Schumacher and Fielchella 4; 12 equal, Herbert

#### Pierce puts end to poor title sequence

MARY PIERCE, of France, swept to victory in the Italian Open in Rome yesterday, when she beat the ailing defending champion, Con-chita Martinez, of Spain, 6-4, 6-0. Pierce, who had knocked out Monica Seles, the top seed, earlier in the week, made few mistakes and used her powerful groundstrokes to good effect against an

injury-hit rival. Martinez, who had won the event every year since 1993, needed regular physiotherapy for a muscle problem around the nape of her neck and a shoulder blade.

"I'm disappointed," the Spaniard said, "I had a pain in my neck throughout the

Andrei Medvedev contin-

ued his impressive recovery from the back and shoulder injuries that have hampered his career for two years by winning his third German Open title in Hamburg yesterday. Medvedev, the the Ukraine, beat Felix Mantilla 6-0, 6-4, 6-2. Medvedev outclassed Mantilla, of Spain, especially early in the match. "He gave me a lesson," Mantilla, the No 12 seed, said.

Medvedev raced through the first ten games in 41 minutes to lead 40 in the second set, cleverly changing pace with drop shots and hitting winners from all over the court. "The way I played at the start is probably as good as I can play. It's great that it happened in the final."

#### **JUDO**

# Fairbrother's injury mars medal success

By JOHN GOODBODY

GREAT Britain's medal successes at the European championships in Ostend at the weekend were marred by the news that Nicola Fairbrother will have to undergo a shoulder operation and could miss the world championships in October.

The 1992 Olympic silver medal-winner withdrew from the lightweight category at the European championships yesterday because of the damaged joint, which has been giving her problems for some

Although Fairbrother quali-fied for the repechage yesterday after fighting through the preliminaries on Friday, when she tried exercising the shoulder on Saturday she began to feel pain again.

An operation would put the 1993 world champion out of action for three months and it must be doubtful that she will be able to try to regain her title in Paris at the beginning of October.

Britain collected five medals of Portugal.

over the weekend. On Saturday, the heavyweight, Michelle Rogers, and light-heavyweight, Chloe Cowen, both took silver medals and Kate Howey collected a bronze in the middleweight category.

coming towards the Devote

corner, the first after the start-

finish line. "I went straight!"

he laughed - straight across

the bend, but straight into a

slip road, into reverse and out

again. The whole process.

from miscalculation to reverse

spin to back on the track, cost

him less than those seven

seconds, and he was leading

made the distance. Olivier

Panis, in his Prost, Mika Salo,

in the Tyrrell, and Giancarlo

Fisichella, in one of the Jor-

was a team choice," the owner

was based on a forecast of very

drivers could not be faulted."

need a huge driver," Luca di

Montezemolo, the president, whose long and troubled quest

to resurrect the famous Italian

team included gambling a fortune on luring Michael Schumacher, said. Together,

they look supreme.

dans, were in the points.

by over a minute.

Rogers, outweighed in the semi-final by more than 40 kilos by the 120-kilo Beate Maksymow, defeated the Pole by a tactical decision. However, in the final, she was twice bowled over by Johanna Hagn for decisive knock-downs.

Cowen, a single mother from Tyne and Wear, battled past Simona Richter, of Romania, to reach the final where she was beaten by Ulla Werbrouck, the defending champion from Belgium. Yesterday, Britain collected

two more bronze medals through featherweight Julian Davies and lightweight Danny Kingston. In the decisive bouts. Davies cleanly threw Gabriel Bengston of Sweden while Kingston had a clear-cut victory over Guilherme Bents



David O'Connor guides Custom Made over the third jump en route to a stylish victory at Badminton

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FOOTBALL: MANCHESTER UNITED PROVE EFFICIENT TO THE LAST AS SEASON ENDS IN CELEBRATION

# Champions' title party runs smoothly

Manchester United . West Ham United

By MARK HODKINSON

SKILL, endurance, luck and supreme confidence are all vital ingredients for a team to secure the FA Carling Premiership title. Another crucial factor is organisation and Manchester United, typically, excel in this particular field. In short, they now had to organise a party.

Visitors to Old Trafford yesterday were presented with an official timetable of events. neatly typed and laid out like a GCSE examination paper. Four of the United sides -

the reserves. A team. B team and, of course, their first team, have won their respective leagues. So, Eric Cantona received his player-of-the-year award on the centre circle (south side), while the supporters' tribute to Sir Matt Busby took place at the South West Quadrant, It seemed almost incidental that at 4pm a football match started between Manchester United and West

Again, the downgrading of the final Premiership matches of the season owed everything to Manchester United's nerveless efficiency. It should have been a frantic showdown, a breathless spat between the football giants from Manchester, Newcastle United and Liverpool. Like the weather yesterday — rain, sun, rain — United's form has been more patchy than expected but they had secured the championship with two games to spare.

Yesterday afternoon the ground was awash with the flags of several European countries to reflect the team's cosmopolitan make-up. The communal singing was eventually interrupted by the kickoff and West Ham, free of the threat of relegation, advertised their mood of relaxation when Kitson lifted the ball out of play direct from the kick-off.



Crowning glory: the Manchester United party begins as the team celebrates with the Premiership trophy at Old Trafford yesterday

iately fell into their seamless passing game and were rewarded with a fine goal from Scholes, After some patient approach work, he thundered a shot against the underside of the crossbar and Solskjaer headed in the rebound to make sure. The goal, though it lifted the crowd, did little for

the game as a contest. United were happy to retreat deep into their own half while West Ham covered any runs that threatened to move into their territory. The sun broke free from a buttress of clouds and, amid the concise was clear that minds had already wandered to the final whistle and the inevitable celebration party.

Jordi Cruff was brought on soon after half-time and there were suggestions that the presence of his famous father in the stands had prompted the substitution; it was that kind of afternoon.

Dowie moved in on goal but fell on to the ball as he tried to shoot. Lomas brought a save from Schmeichel as West Ham added a dash of adventure to the general stoicism. Bilic even summoned the enerthe midfield player had clipped one heel too many in a well-populated midfield. The referee agreed that Beckham had been unnecessarily reck-

An army of burly chaps in blazers and ties took up position at the perimeter fence 15 minutes before the end to deter supporters from running onto the turi. Their brief was to keep a watch on the crowd and not the game — they did not miss a great deal as proceedings became increasingly scrappy at their backs.

Cantona suddenly moved

less and took his name.

ad bearing the message "MUFC — champions again the crowd urged Schmeichel to move forward

past Miklosko.

to ioin the United attack. Though the scoreline now flattered United, it was fitting that their championship season should end in suitably relaxed mood. The final cameo of an otherwise predictable afternoon saw Les Sealey, the former Manchester United

ful pass to the feet of Cruyff.

The Dutchman shifted his

weight and crashed the ball

A light aircraft circled over-

in the West Ham goal He milked the applause of the Stretford End and truly ignited the party atmosphere.

The rain poured down, the championship trophy came out, and, once more, Manchester found itself at the epicentre of footballing

WEST HAM UNITED (3-5-2): L Middosko (suto L Seeley, 89) — R Ferdinand (suto M Hughes, 65), R Hell, S Billo — S. Potts, J Monour, S Lomas, H Portito, S Lazarides —

took charge of his club for in October, many doubted whether Blackburn could be rescued and few supposed that Parkes would be the one to go the distance and

Barcelona or Milan for Newcastle

#### the FA Carling Premiership would have been in dire danger on this last, rainswept afternoon at Ewood Park, the steel monument to Jack Walker set in homely Lancashire hills.

Blackburn

beaten

by lack of

appetite

for the fray

Blackburn Rovers .....2

Leicester City .....4

By DAVID MILLER

FOR Blackburn Rovers, this

was one match too far. Had

the point on Thursday against Middlesbrough not

brought safety, their place in

Leicester City, who like wise had gained midweck security with victory on Wednesday, bad, in a word. appetite. Blackburn did not. The months of anxiety had drained their willpower. With the job that mattered already done, Blackburn's empty legs and flagging hearts were unmistakably apparent as 11 men stood mobile, hands on hips, as Leicester ran back to the centre circle after Steve Claridge had scored to give them a 2-1 lead ten minutes

into the second half. One minute after Claridge's goal, Blackburn were effectively buried by a further strike of breathtaking brilliance by Heskey, who brushed past a defender to fire a rising drive behind and above Flowers into the roof of the net. Promoted Leicester may have struggled to hold their status, but the clear impression is that Martin O'Neill has formed the basis of a side that may prosper next season. They might even, as Coca-Cola Cup-winners. surprise a few in the Uefa

There are many anonymous, unsung heroes in football every year. The foremost this season is surely Tony Parkes, a temporary manager whose diligence, integrity and modesty have given fresh definition to the term "caretaker". When he

When he briefly ran on to the pitch, track-suited, to ive a supporters' award. before the kick-off, presented by Walker, the moment touched the emotions of any neutral with affection for this famous old club. Walker's bold promise of being regulars in Europe" to a newly-cheerful audience was less easy to endorse. Having spent one fortune to win the championship. Walker probably needs to

spare another now to stay affoat. Blackburn were soon finding it an uphili fight Early on, a scooped cross from the left by Guppy was headed by Heskey down into the corner of Flowers' net, with the ever-valiant Hendry failing to get in a challenge, undermined by the injury for which he will

soon undergo an operation. A quarter of an hour later. Blackburn were level, with a bit of luck. Gallacher's shot was fumbled by Keller, somebody hacked the loose ball clear and it rebounded into the net off Flitcroft's

Either side of half-time. Fenton, Sherwood and Flitcroft missed openings that might have put Blackburn beyond reach. Instead, Claridge, with a neat sidestep, swept an angled shot beyond Flowers and, in the next instant. Heskey made it 3-1. Fenton got one back, but Wilson ended the season with a shot that went in off Kenna, Heskey having headed down from beyond the far post. Next season, I suspect, defences will increasingly come to fear

Leicester's swift and power-Letoester's swift and power-ful attacker.

BLACKBURN ROMERS (4-42): T Pow-ers — J Kernel, Pearce, C Hendry (auto-ry Marker, Sarriey, G Basser — T Sherwood, W McKirley, G Filtanot, D Duft — K Gellecter, G Fernon. LECSSTER CITY (2-5-2): K Keller — F Rolling (auto: S Wiscon, 75), S Prior (auto-M Whilow, 28), M Elboth M Garyson (auto-J Lawarez, 36), 5 Campbell, P Kashtari, N Lernon, S Guppy — S Clandge, E Hester, S.

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# Villa and **Souness** are happy to share the plaudits

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Southampton ...

By Mel Webb

PERHAPS there was too much at stake. Nerves twanged like violin strings as the sides strove for very different goals at opposite ends of the FA Carling Premiership table yesterday. The quality of the football suffered terribly, but, with the help of a couple of outside agencies, both clubs achieved their objectives.

Villa's narrow victory means that they will play in Europe next year for the sixth time since the ban on English clubs was lifted in 1991. Southampton, meanwhile, have defied gravity yet again. How they do so year in and year out - next year will be their rwentieth successive season in the top flight - is one of the more enduring conundrums.

Teams managed by Graeme Sourcess always attempt to play decent fooball, but Souness is a man whose principles are heavily underlaid by a pronounced streak of pragmatism, His teamsheet revealed his intentions before a ball was kicked - no Le Tissier or Berkovic in the starting line-up; this was not going to be pretty.

Le Tissier seems more and more to have become a peripheral figure in the Southampton set-up. He flitted in and out of games as a substitute as Southampton put together a run of four victories and three draws in the seven games that preceded this one. Souness's message could not have been clearer had he shouted it from on high discipline first, the clever stuff second and last.

It was not clear which of those two qualities was uppermost in the mind of Dryden. the Southampton centre back.

Results and table Robson's pride Freedman stars

at the moment of the allimportant goal in the eleventh

There seemed no more than a routine threat as Nelson overlapped from the back and sent in a low cross. There was nobody in a Villa shirt on the end of it, but Dryden still elected to stretch every sinew to cut out the cross and succeeded only in sliding the ball off his boot past Taylor in

the Southampton goal. Disaster, that over-used word of over-statement, rarely applies to something as gloriously trivial as sport, but to Sources and his cohorts on the Southampton bench it would have been dismissed as entirely too trifling a description for Dryden's error. Heads were hung, gloom abounded; Villa, meanwhile, acclaimed Nelson as if he had just won the lottery. In a funny sort of way,

perhaps he had.
It was the sort of wildly prodigal gesture for which Southampton had become notorious. This, remember, is the side that beat Manchester United 6-3 at the end of October then lost 7-1 to Everton less than two weeks later. There is probably not another side in the Premiership capable of such inconsistency — mercury flows powerfully through the veins — mercury flows

of the playing personnel at The Dell. Southampton showed few signs of breaking down the five-man Villa deferice but things changed when Le Tissier was brought on for Ostenstad. Le Tissier had been on the field for barely three minutes when his 35-yard free kick ricocheted off the wall and only a swooping save by Bosnich denied him his seven-

teenth goal of the season. It was to be Southampton's last hurrah. Events at Elland Road and Selhurst Park had kept them up, and Dryden's act of charity had merely underscored Villa's return ticket to Europe Aims achieved targets hit, a satisfactory outcome from an unsatisfactory match.

ASTON VILLA (5-9-2): M Bosnich — F Nelson, U Briogu, G Southgele, R'Scinnez, A Wight — I Taylor, S Steunton, A Townsend — S Milcoekc, D Yorks. -SOUTHAMPTON (44-2): M Taylor — U. Van Gobbel, C Lundeloven, B Toyden, F Barteli — M Celeby, J Dodd, J Maglion, F Selter — E Osterstad (sub: M Le Teseix. 72), M Evers.

# New-look Newcastle joining Europe's elite

By ANDREW LONGMORE

FOR the second year in succession. Newcastle had the European Cup on their minds in the last game of the season. That they will make it this time through the tradesman's entrance will matter not a jot to their accountants, who were buoved by the £4 million renewal of their sponsorship deal with Newcastle Breweries before kick-off and can now anticipate the takings from a preliminary knockout round of Europe's most

prized tournament early in August. Victory then and the big money of the Champions' League beckons. No wonder there was much dancing by the grey-suited brigade as news of

Liverpool's draw at Hillsborough is reputedly captivated by the silky man defence then his return to the goal, in the 37th minute. Elliott's long filtered through. Not too much skills of the Colombian, but he has rank of private will come as a relief. filtered through. Not too much should be read into this facile victory over relega: ed Nottingnam Forest. Three goals in six minutes midway through the first half settled the matter, though one would have done so downcast were the visitors. Dalglish, ever the pragmatist, would have been as happy with four clean

sheets to end the season. It was a day of farewells. Nottingham Forest will be purchasing their gazeteers, David Ginola, not granted the sentimental gift of a place on the bench, will be driving his Renault south over the Tyne Bridge. His transfer request has been granted and his departure is the starkest reflection of the changing style on

Tyneside. Quite what the future holds for Asprilla remains to be seen. Dalglish

spent £2.5 million on Jon Dahl Dutch league. His dichotomy was aptly summed up in the opening half an hour. No sooner had Dalglish turned in disgust as Asprilla dallied terribly over a shooting chance than he was putting his hands together to acknowledge the first of three quickfire goals.

Asprilla scored the first, skipping through the heart of the Forest defence, such as it was, to clip a leftfoot shot over Fettis and set up the second for Ferdinand two minutes later with a pass of stunning vision. Admittedly. Forest contributed soundly to their own downfall. If it was Stuart Pearce's idea to counter a three-man attack of Ferdinand, Shearer and Asprilla with a three-

Derby County ....

Arsenal ......3

By RICHARD HORSON

WHAT was to become a

familiar tale unfolded 102

years ago when Steve Bloomer

scored the winning goals on

Derby County's first appearance at the Baseball Ground.

Yesterday, on their last, they

were indebted to a bloomer

from a less likely source, but

ultimately succumbed to two

of the most effective strikers in

On a day of last hurrahs, no

the FA Carling Premiership.

departure ought to have car-

ried more significance to the

contest than that of Tony

Adams just il minutes into

proceedings. Two minutes

earlier, the England defender

had been booked for clattering

into Asanovic. Never one to

tiptoe on eggshells, he lunged

just as clumsily into Daryl

Powell on the opposite flank

and saw yellow for a second

Without Van Hooijdonk, bounced up invitingly at the far post and Roy. Forest were clearly planning for the future. It looks a little bleak. For the first ten minutes, they played quite brightly, forcing Stnicek into saves at the toot of either post,

the direct route was the most effective, Forest's fate was sealed. The third goal came after Barton, breaking forward from deep in his own half, played a swift one-two with Watson and released Ferdinand to drive home a cross-shot. Had Phillips not stuck out a foot to block a

but once Newcastle had realised that

Shearer shot, the damage would have been more severe. Shearer was not denied for long, though there was a touch of good

Bergkamp adds last memory

as Derby say their farewells

much for Mackay to savour, though the closing emotion

In the first half, after the

dismissal of Adams. Derby

created chances in abundance.

but their finishing lacked the

precision of some adventurous

approach work. Ward gave

them the lead in the seventh

minute after his initial header

rehounded off the post. Later,

was one of frustration.

it firmly into the net. Newcastle amused themselves after that, bringing on Beardsley for what might prove to be a last runaround. Elliott added a fifth, 15 minutes from time.

perhaps; Bury for Forest. The crowd gloated over the demise of Middlesbrough and Sunderland. A rousing chorus of. "We'll meet again" would have been a more appropriate send-

have been a more approprime some off for Forest.

NEMCASTLE UNITED (4-3-1-2): P. Smicek — S. Watton, D. Peacock, P. Albert (sub: K. Gillespie, 88mm), J. Bereslord — W. Barton, D. Sally (sub: P. Beardsley, 7-2), R. Peadr — F. Asprille (sub: I. Clark, 65) — L. Fardinand, A. Shearer.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (3-5-2): A. Festis — C. Cooper, D. Philips, S. Cheffle — D. Lyste, S. Gammill, B. O. Nall (sub: D. Saunders 78), C. Bart-Williams (sub: C. Alen 45), I. Woon — K. Campbell, I. Moore.

Referee: M. Reed.

the other end. Wright's equal-iser in the 54th minute testified

to speed of both thought and

limb. Anelka, a substitute, cut

inside from the left to unleash

a firm drive that Poom could

only parry. As defenders turned, there was Wright al-

ready poised to drive home

Little blame could be at-

tached to the goalkeeper from

from six yards.

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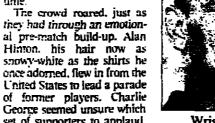
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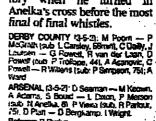
George seemed unsure which set of supporters to applaud His goals against in the 1976 European Cup campaign are recalled as fondly in these parts as his winning strike for Arsenal in the FA Cup Final five years earlier is around Finsbury Park. Brian Clough sent his apologies, citing flu as an explana-tion for his non-attendance.

but Dave Mackay, who led Derby to promotion as a player and the championship

as a manager, was present as

he hit the upright again and produced a fine save from Estonia. In any case, he owed Derby nothing, having pro-duced saves already beyond Seaman three minutes into the the call of duty from both Wright and Bergkamp. Poom. second half when he connected with a Chris Powell cross. in changing times, just though, was powerless to prevent Bergkamp putting three things can be said with any certainty of Arsenal. They Arsenal ahead in the eightieth have more heart than most, in Seaman they have a formida-

minute with as sublime a goal as the Baseball Ground can ble goalkeeper and Wright have witnessed. Derby felt retains an insatiable spirit at they had repelled an attack when the ball fell to the Holland striker on the right of the goal. A glance upwards revealed the keeper off his line. a perfectly projected chip floated the ball into the far corner. Wright merely confirmed victory when he turned in





Wright instinct

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FOOTBALL: COVENTRY'S LAST-GASP HEROICS HELP TO RELEGATE NORTH EAST RIVALS AFTER DRAMATIC PREMIERSHIP DENOUEMENT

# City savour sequel to the great escape

Coventry City .....2

Sounes

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

COVENTRY City, the great escapologists of the FA Carling Premiership, did it again yesterday. For the ninth time during their 30-year unbroken run in the top flight of English football, they retained their status in the final match of the season. They needed to beat Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane and for results elsewhere to go their way. Win they did, and the other scorelines favoured them, too.
As Martin Bodenham, the

referee, blew the final whistle, Gordon Strachan, the Coventry player-manager, first checked that his team was safe and then set off towards the fans, his wee legs working overtime. He bowed, he applanded, he jumped with glee. Were it not so heart-warming,

it would have been comical.

"I had to check first that we were all right before I went running out on to the pitch and making a fool of myself," Strachan said. "We were so brave out there, mentally and physically, and I am just delighted for everyone involved with the club, past and present. When something like this happens, you think more of other people than yourself."

Stoked up to near fever pitch, Coventry had come out fighting from the off. The bruising tone was set as early as the second minute, when Carr was felled from behind by an excruciating late tackle from Burrows. Bodenham set his standards, too, by booking

Five others joined him in the opening 25 minutes, after a series of petty squabbles, wild challenges and confrontations. Richardson, Williams and Whelan were also cautioned as Coventry's burning desire threatened to spill over into warfare.

Amid the thunder, though, Coventry were still able to display the finer technique, the more considered skills under pressure. Huckerby was everywhere, disorientating the Tottenham defence with his teasing and taunting. Such bold endeavours were rewarded in the twelfth minute. Whelan delivered the ball invitingly into the area and Dublin glanced the most delicate of headers past Baardsen. Dublin, variously used by Strachan as a striker and

central defender, celebrated his thirteenth goal of the season with almost manic

Once the niggling had subsided, Coventry concentrated on the job. In the 38th minute, with the home defence again absent, they increased their lead. McAllister chipped over a corner from the right and Williams volleyed past Baardsen via a post. Five minutes later, though, Tottenham dredged up a response. Sheringham's 30-yard free kick beat the outstretched right hand of Ogrizovic, thudded against an upright and sat up for McVeigh to nod in at close range.

As news filtered in from around the country - the kickoff had been delayed by 15 minutes because of traffic congestion - Coventry began to realise their position. If they stayed ahead, they stayed up. Deane's goal for Leeds United against Middlesbrough enhanced that feeling, as did. Euell's effort for Wimbledon against Sunderland. The supporters in sky blue, tuned in to their radios, cheered every snippet of information.

With 15 minutes left and Coventry showing signs of wilting, the commdrum became clear. Sunderland and Middlesbrough were gone, consigned to the Premiership dustbin, if Coventry retained their lead. If not, Sunderland would be handed a lastminute reprieve. It was an awful 15 minutes. Burrows's petulance might have faded, but Huckerby's legs had gone and Strachan's voice had almost gone, too. Only the positioning and agility of Ogrizovic kept Coventry afloat as the seconds ticked by,

slowly, agonisingly.

Twice Ogrizovic saved defi-antly, magnificently, as Fenn drove in a shot from only a few yards out and then Dozzell powered in a header from Fox's corner. Then it was over, Bodenham's concluding whistle ending the torment. "I am desperate for a cup of

tea and I just want to sit down," Strachan said, his composure having returned. Coventry had survived, again, at the death - as if it could have been any other way. TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (3-5-2): E Baardsen—R Vega, J Scales, S Campbell — S Cam, R Fox, J Dozzell, A Sinton (sub: J Clapham, 22min), J Edinburgh — E Sharingham, P McVeigh (sub: N Fann, 73). COVENTRY CITY (4-4-2): S Ogrizovic — P Tellar, R Shaw, P Williams, D Burnows — N Whelen (sub: E Jess, 33), K Richardson, G McAllister, P Nolovic — D Huckerby, D



Strachan, the player-manager, shows the strain as Coventry fight for survival at White Hart Lane yesterday

#### FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: FROM TITLE TO TRAPDOOR MANCHESTER UNITED NEWCASTLE UNITED 38 19 11 8 73 40 68 ARSENAL LIVERPOOL 38 19:11 8 62 37 68 **ASTON VILLA** 38 17 10 11 47 34 61 Uefa Cup CHELSEA 38 16 11 11 58 55 59 Cup Winners' Cup SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY WIMBLEDON LEICESTER TOTTENHAM 38 13 7 18 44 51 46 LEEDS UNITED DERBY COUNTY 38 11 13 14 45 58 46 BLACKBURN 38 9 15 .14 42 43 42 WEST HAM 38 10 12 16 39 48 42 38 10 12 16 44 57 42 38 10 11 17 50 56 41 17 COVENTRY 38 9 14 15 38 54 41 38 10 10 18 35 53 40 MODLESBROUGH 38 10 12 16 51 60 39 NOTTINGHAM FOREST 38 6 16 16 31 59 34 (Middlesbrough deducted 3 points) \*If winners of FA Cup

# Sunderland go down in the shallow end

Sunderland

BY BRIAN GLANVILLE

SUNDERLAND go down. Any vestigial hope they had disappeared after 87 minutes when Dean Holdsworth beat Richard Ord on the left, drew another man, then slipped the ball across for young Jason Euell to drive his shot past Perez. Thus Euell atoned for having missed an easy chance minutes earlier, when he was set up by Ardley and Leonhardsen, only to pull his shot carelessly wide.

One had to feel sympathy for the thousands of Sunderland fans who had made the long trip to Selhurst Park from the North East. Clad mostly in the famous red and white stripes which their team, for some perverse reason, were not wearing in this game, they were still singing and cheering at the bitter end

Truth to tell, Sunderland scarcely did enough to deserve anything more than a draw, which itself would not have guaranteed survival. They are a dull, functional team, with little but their grand tradition to recommend them. Next season, part of that will go when they move from their historic home of Roker Park. Sunderland, you may remember, were the last of the

original first division clubs to be relegated. But that was a long time ago, and since then, they have largely been struggling in the shallows. Not that Wimbledon, on this

occasion, looked much better. You might to some extent excuse the general mediocrity on the grounds of a bumpy pitch and a brisk wind. These factors may have had something to do with the goalscoring opportunity the veteran Chris Waddle culpably missed early in the second half; thus missing the chance of enabling the team he once supported to stay in the top

When Niall Quinn touched the ball to Waddle, it came to his favoured left foot, but he sadly, miskicked.

Overall, Sunderland made. very few clear chances. After 80 minutes, when Craig Russell crossed accurately from the left, Paul Stewart, with the goal in his sights, headed over the bar, as Fear had done shortly beforehand at the other end.

Neither team ever truly struck a rhythm and not even Oyvind Leonhardsen, the Norwegian midfield player. presumably playing his last game for Wimbledon, could impose himself on the play. It is reported that Leonhardsen will shortly be leaving Wim-bledon at a £4.5 million fee. However, Wimbledon can console themselves that they will still have Robbie Earle. who missed this match through injury.

Not only was there little movement or invention to enjoy: there was very little dramatic incident, either. Holdsworth, after 35 minutes. presaged Wimbledon's eventual goal when he put over a short cross from the left, but Ord, on that occasion, turned the half behind.

Should Wimbledon have had a penalty, close to haiftime? Leonhardsen wriggled round Darren Williams, who then appeared to fall on top of him, knocking him down. Dermot Gallagher, the referee, saw nothing wrong in this and Leonhardsen, to his credit, sprang up again to put in a dangerous cross.

No doubt next season. Wimbledon will again be substantially more than the sum of their parts. They had probably



Waddle: crucial miss

midweek against Liverpool, when they lapsed in the final furlong. They did not run out of steam yesterday. Nor, to their credit. did Sunderland, who did their best, with their severely limited talent and resources, at least to save a game which might in turn have been their own salvation.

The game was given a frivolous beginning when a blonde young streaker ran on to the ground and performed a series of cartwheels, much to the joy of the 21,000 crowd. Perhaps after after that, anticlimax was inevitable, and anti-climax was what we got. With all deference to Wimbledon's achievements and Sunderland's sorrow, mediocrity in this Premiership has

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# Redknapp's strike fails to lift gloom

Sheffield Wednesday .....1 Liverpool

By DAVID MADDOCK

IT WAS the final ignominy for Liverpool in a match that perfectly encapsulated their desperate season. Needing victory to ensure second position in the FA Carling Premiership, and a place in the European Cup, they somehow contrived an almost surreal draw to finish fourth.

Like everything else they have done this season, the draw against Sheffield Wednesday was achieved under dramatic and ultimately disappointing circumstances. Trailing with only seven minutes remaining to a goal from the Wednesday substitute, O'Neill Donaldson, Liverpool were then handed one final chance in a season littered with

missed opportunity.

Matt Clarke, the Wednesday goalkeeper, had only been on the pitch for ten minutes after replacing the injured Kevin Pressman, when the fates conspired to make his debut at least a memorable one. Almost his first act was to collect a through-ball from McManaman, but in doing so

he overran his penalty area. Most referees would deem such an error accidental and merely award the free kick. But not the fastidious David Elleray. He decided to dismiss Clarke and set up what was a quite remarkable final seven minutes. With Pressman already injured, Andy Booth, the Wednesday forward, went in goal.

His first task was to pick the resulting free kick out of the net. placed there by Jamie Redknapp who flighted home a quite beautiful strike in a delicious are from the 18-yard

As Wednesday kicked off there were still six minutes remaining, and a betting man would have placed his life's savings on Liverpool finding the goal that would have at least offered some small consolation for a season

billion under management. Tap to 75p.

that promised so much and delivered ultimately nothing. But Liverpool are perhaps the most frustrating side to watch in the Premiership and failed

yet again when it seemed impossible. They had chances, at least three in the final breathless minutes, but missed them all because of an insistence on being too clever and too premeditated when the situation, against ten men and with a dodgy goalkeeper, demanded a direct, blunt approach.

It was a typical Liverpool performance. They had appeared lost in a poor first half when pursuing the direct tactics that Roy Evans, the manager, has favoured in recent weeks. But at half-time he switched back to the more familiar passing methods, and in doing so removed Collymore. It was, perhaps, the definitive comment on his time at Anfield because he will surely be transferred in the summer.

Barnes, his replacement, made an immediate difference and had the 17year-old Michael Owen accepted one of three straightforward chances, Liverpool would have had their place in the European Cup. Instead they floundered in front of goal, and Wednesday broke swiftly to again expose uncertain defending from the visitors and snatch an opening goal. It came after 75 minutes when Wright lost control on the edge of his own penalty area to allow Donaldson to steal in and smash a shot from close

range past the unprotected James. The goal was not enough to give Wednesday a Uefa Cup place given results elsewhere, but it was enough to consign Liverpool to a season of frustration and embarrassment and one that will surely ring the changes at Anfield during the summer.

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# Liverpool left to look back on season full of empty promise

nother season draws to a close and, as painful as it is to reflect, the fact is that at Liverpool we have again failed to

What really hurts is that we are

here again after another huge disappointment saying that we must do this and that to make the final step to win something. I can remember, I think, that after the Cup Final last season we said much the same thing. We have finished fourth in the league and managed to get to the semi-finals of the European Cup Winners' Cup and still it hasn't been a good season at all. In fact, when you consider the opportunity we had, it has been an awful one. The league was there to be taken. I don't subscribe to this theory that Manchester United were hopelessly distracted by the European Cup because Juventus head their league and are in the final of the cup. But 1 do think United were below the standards they have set in recent

They were not that good this season. And yet they have won the league comfortably and even drew three of their last few games. That is how easy it was for them and that is why there is such a huge sense of frustration at Anfield.

We know the league was winnable and we know that we lost it. There are no excuses, we were not beaten by great sides, we cannot hold our hands up and say there were teams too good for us. The fact is, we lost the important games because we

The irony, in the league, is that Liverpool performed well away from home this season. Our record was quite impressive. But we dropped what you would normally consider to be the banker points at home. Liverpool are usually excellent at ensuring those points, traditionally we are very strong in those games. The frustrating fact is, had we collected those banker points as we should have done, we would be increase in quality.

STEVE McMANAMAN



is haunted by a feeling of déjá vu

champions now. It was the same in the cup competitions. In Europe we weren't hammered

by a much better side, we played badly and paid the penalty in the first leg of the semi-final in France when it was clear in the second leg that we should have had the beating of Paris Saint-Germain. The domestic competitions were

that is something we cannot hide from. Our fans demand success and next season we have to deliver it. There will be some changes to this Liverpool side in order to achieve that. We had our opportunity and didn't take it and there could well be three or four new faces brought in

next season to ensure that it doesn't

the same. We let ourselves down and

happen again. While I bemoan Liverpool's failings. I don't support the widely held assertion that it is evidence of a drop in quality in the FA Carling Premiership. OK, Manchester United won the title with seven fewer points than last season, but I believe that is because there is a general

The teams at the bottom have benefited from the money generated within football and they have used the revenue to bring in better quality players. Look at Coventry City, West Ham United and Southampton They have spent a lot of money to

improve their squads. While the sides at the bottom are undoubtedly better, it is harder for the teams at the top to improve by an equal amount, because while they have money available, their squads cannot be bettered so readily. When you already have the top players it is harder to find new ones who will increase standards -- especially when all the top sides in Europe are competing for those players. You therefore get a natural narrowing of standards between top and

ut I think the experience of Liverpool and Manchester United in Europe suggests that the top teams are still improv-ing. We should have beaten Paris to reach the final and Manchester United were very unlucky indeed not to reach the final of the European Cup. England could - and should have had two European finalists and that is surely a sign of high quality. While all that is a defence of English football, I do have one major concern about our game. The influx of foreign players has reached such epidemic proportions that I can hardly think of an English player

the entire season. There are around 300 foreigners playing in Britain now and, during the summer, I can only see that figure increasing significantly. Where nobody can argue with the purchase of players such as Zola and Juninho, it is worrying that we are also importing so many journeymen.

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If English football is to keep improving, then we must import only the best - and keep producing players of the highest quality of our

# Chelsea ignore loss of Grodas

Chelsea

BY NICK SZCZEPANIK

DESPITE a late flurry after a Nick Barmby goal, Everton went down to a superb passing display by a Chelsea team who were a man short for most of the match after the dismissal of Frode Grodas, their goalkeeper. "It was an excellent performance." Ruud Gullitt, the Chelsea manager. said. "We created so many chances."

There was, however, a distinct end-of-term feeling at the former School of Science. There were absences — Unsworth, Short, Phelan, Hinchcliffe, a whole defence. There were departures to think about too - Dave Watson was relinquishing the role of player-manager and even Goodison Park itself could be on the way out in favour of a new 60,000-seat stadium, according to a document going the rounds. There were possible new arrivals too - such as Bobby Robson and Jürgen Klinnsman, who might or might not be joining Everton after the Summer holidays. Probably not, if anyone

sends them a tape of the first hour or so of this game. Chelsea were ahead after only 15 minutes, when Wise's chip from the left drifted over the head of Southall and dropped inside the post. Six minutes later, Ferguson, although looking offside, was allowed to gallop menacingly through only to be brought down by Grodas a yard outside the Chelsea area. Grodas was sent

off by Peter Jones, the referee.

which in turn meant the

departure of Vialli in favour of

the substitute keeper. Hitch-Chelsea, however, made

light of the disadvantage. Everton pressed, but Chelsea's fast breaks, accurate passing and movement off the ball made the home team look as if they, not the visitors, were outnumbered. It was well deserved when Di Matteo put Chelsea further ahead with a rare header from a cross by

Petrescu. The second half was in danger of turning into a passing exhibition by the FA Cup finalists, their fans taunting Everton with shouts of "Can we play you every week?" The pre-Wembley stroll only looked likely to be disturbed by a lack of concentration or injury. Hughes was withdrawn as a precaution after a knock on the ankle and Di Matteo's dying swan impersonation raised momentary concern, but he soldiered bravely on, only to miss a superb chance after Petrescu's pass put him through on goal.

It was nearly a costly fail-ure. Within 30 seconds, Barmby scored after Hitchcock had parried Watson's header. The Chelsea defence rocked thereafter whenever the ball was in the air, Hitchcock continually punching uncertainly, but Everton could not find an equaliser; a turn and low shot passed the post by Cada Marieri, a substitute, was as close as they came

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# Crewe punish James's errors

By Our Sports Staff

THERE remains some- but out already; instead. thing unitterably cruel they need to improve in about the play-offs. At the second leg at Kenilend of a long, hard sea-son, when the journeymen of the Nationwide League are thinking about a well-carned break on a Costa or a Canary island, a select few are ordered to strain their hamstrings for a few weeks more in pursuit of Wembley and promotion. Having failed to

go up once, most get to fail all over again. Heartbreaking. It is even worse when you would have been promoted if the dreaded play-offs had not existed in the first place. Luton Town, for example, would be contemplating visits to the City Ground, St Andrews, Maine Road, the Riverside Stadium, and the rest if it was simply the top three in the Nationwide League sec-and division who claimed the three available places dismissal in the third in the first. Instead, after division encounter be losing 2-1 at Crewe Alexandra in the first leg of the second division semifinals yesterday, they are wondering whether they

may even reach Wembley and the final at all They started well enough, but after Oldfield had given them a third-minute lead, punishing a Kearton fumble in the Crewe goal, it all went horribly wrong. James gifted a goal to Rivers at the start of the second half and then fooled the same player to earn a red card. Reduced to ten men, Luton could not keep Crewe at bay and Little made it 2-1 with Feuer, the Luton goalkeeper, stranded - his first goal, incidentally, since the play-offs last season.

Had Adebola the Crewe forward, made it 3-1 instead of hitting a post ten minutes from the end, Luton would be all at Vetch Field.

worth Road. And Crewe finished south this season. with 73 points and a goal difference of plus nine compared with Luton's 78 and plus 26 - the best in the division. Brentford can afford to

be more confident after a 2-1 win away to Bristol City. Smith gave them a thirteenth-minute lead. Owers equalised only for Taylor to restore the visitors' advantage before half-time Only the dis-missal of Asaba, their leading scorer, for a sec-ond yellow card offence five minutes from time took the gloss off Brentford's day, but Dave Webb, their manager. was not about to issue a note of unneccesary caution: "If we play with today's spirit, we will get to Wembley," he said. There was yet another

tween Cardiff City and Northampton Town, Ilustrating yet again the tension that overrides all , else in the play-offs. Conper, the Northampton midfield player, made his early exit after 70 minutes at Ninian Park for violent conduct, courtesy of an errant elbow colliding with Perry, of Cardiff, at a throw in Not that Northampton were wotried. A virtuoso goal from Parrish seven minutes later, after he collected a f loose ball just inside his own half and ran straight through the middle before lobbing the goal keeper from just outside the penalty area gave a

In the other third division semi-final at the Deva Stadium, neither Chester City nor Swanses City could score giving slight edge for the return

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# Barcelona coach faces uncertain future despite momentous victory

# Robson's pride may not prevent his fall

**OLIVER HOLT** 



Correspondent

he well-heeled supporters in their sharp suits clapped him when he walked in to the hotel bar. The women stared through the whorls of cigar smoke, a waiter brought him an orange juice and, at the bar, two or three more started chanting his

Lean and hungry men, the type who have called for his head and waved their white handkerchiefs as a sign of disrespect, fawned over Bobby Robson and asked to have their pictures taken with him. He indulged them, then made his way to where his son, Mark, was sitting quietly with a group of friends from The city could have been Bobby

Robson's on Saturday night. His Barcelona team had just beaten Real Madrid in a match that is almost as important to their fanatical supporters as the championship itself. Yet Robson seemed curiously dellated. Sunken-eyed and robbed suddenly of the adrenalin that had so invigorated him in the build-up to victory. he chatted for 15 minutes or so. When midnight had gone, he pressed some hands into his and left.

He said that he was elated, that there was euphoria welling up within him, that he was proud of what his players had achieved when they struck such a great blow for Barcelona's pride with the I-0 win in front of 115,000 in the Nou Camp, a victory that cut Real's lead to a more respectable five points. Outwardly, though, he seemed subdued by a deep melancholy that went beyond the normal reaction to 90 minutes of living on his nerves in one of the most high-pressure matches of his career. The devil-may-care attitude that he had adopted had been replaced with a great weariness.

Part of it was relief. He knew how much ridicule, how much bile, would have been heaped upon him if



Robson makes his point at the Nou Camp, where supporters acclaimed a 1-0 win over Real Madrid

Real had managed to beat Barcelona Winners' Cup final in Rotterdam in the Nou Camp for the first time in 14 years. "If we had lost here today," he said, "they would have been sticking knives in me now."

The rest of it, though, was a mixture of exhaustion at the treatment he has had from the club president, Josep Lluis Núñez treatment that Robson is too honourable to call dishonourable - and a creeping realisation of the terrible beauty of a club that he may be forced to leave.

Barcelona has been like a siren's song for Robson, a job of almost mystical allure. Despite all his success this season - the fact that he has taken Barcelona to the Cup

and the Spanish Cup final, and that the Catalan club has beaten Real in two of the four league and cup games they have played this season and lost only once -- the strong suspicion is still that he will be replaced when the season ends next

Persistent rumours and muttered half-admissions from club officials say that Louis van Gaal, the outgoing Ajax coach, will join the club soon, but when Robson asks Nuñez for clarification of his position, whether the second year of his twoyear contract will be honoured, he is

fobbed off with glib assurances. After the game on Saturday night,

a female Dutch journalist tried to grill him about his future, about his relationship with Núñez and whether he had grown exasperated. "I think she must have been Louis van Gaal's brother," Robson said when she finally took her leave. "This is a wonderful club a

fantastic club, but football is a strange game and this is a strange club. They are talking about a new management structure here, they have that in their head. They should discuss it with me and I will tell them about structure.

"I do not fight Núñez. I do not have dinner with him. I do not go on holiday with him. I just spoke to him for five minutes after the game and

he is very happy, as we all are. We are all proud of the players and the effort they put in tonight."

Robson's position, which at any rational club would not just be safe but under lock and key, may become clearer, and probably bleaker, after the match in Rotterdam on Wednesday, when Núñez may dispense with pretence. Victory over Paris Saint-Germain, though, would make it harder for Nunez to be disloyal to the man who stayed loyal to him in the face of a fairy-tale offer from Newcastle United, Everton and their chairman, Peter Johnson, are waiting anxiously in the wings, a haven in the storm, but, despite everything, anything else pales besides Barcelo-na for Robson. After Saturday night, the pride, the passion, the sound, the

fury, it was easy to see why.

It was theatre, raw and unre-hearsed, full of hate and vitriol and the worst kind of racism towards Roberto Carlos, the Real left back. Real took the field first, to a howling. wailing cacophony of boos and had the temerity to run to the centre circle and wave to the crowd. When Barcelona appeared, a sea of redand-blue flags, for Catalonia, were raised. The roars increased when first Giovanni, then Nadal, were carried from the pitch after fierce tackles by Roberto Carlos. The fans showed their displeasure by ripping the poles from their flags and hurling them on to the pitch.

he match was not a classic. It was too important for that. But in the speed and power of the world's best footballer, Ronaldo, the running and quick-thinking of Figo on the left flank and, above all, the artistry and exuberance of De la Pena in midfield, there were glimpses of the stimulation that Robson gets from coaching this team, the excitement it might be hard to reproduce at somewhere such as Everton.

The only goal came in injury time at the end of the first half, when Figo was brought down by Roberto Carlos. Ronaldo, valued now at £30 million, was still dazed from a clash of heads, but insisted on taking the penalty. He hit it lamely - "like my wife would kick it", Robson said but when Illgner pushed it out, Figo reacted quickest and turned it back to Ronaldo, who sidefooted it in.

Robson, though, had his mind on the days and weeks ahead and the manoeuvrings of Nunez. "When they do something I do not agree with," he said, "I will decide what to do with my life. If it is in the imminent future, I will probably take another job." Everton, Celtic and anyone else contemplating an advertisement in the situations vacant columns should take note.

# Hibernian left to continue survival fight

bernian 13 new players, three managers and a shortage of points. Having finished ninth. their status as members of the Bell's Scottish League premier division, which has lasted for 16 years, will be at risk in a two-legged play-off against Airdrieonians, the runners-up in the first division.

Most footballers would prefer a spot of crocodile wrestling to facing Airdrie in a knockout event. Alex Mac-Donald's team may not sink their teeth into opponents, but there is always a biting competitiveness about them, as appearances in the Scottish Cup finals of 1992 and 1995 demonstrate.

Hibernian have a particularly poor record against Airdrie. Supporters, though, will hardly be poring over those statistics, not while their emotions remain engulfed by the anticlimax of Saturday. At Stark's Park, Hibernian

equalised in the 26th minute and proceeded to a tame 1-1 draw against Raith Rovers. It seemed. for a time, that an unheroic escape had been contrived. Motherwell and Kilmarnock were behind in their home matches and, if either had lost, Hibernian would have been safe, but both eventually took a point, ensuring that the Edinburgh club finished behind Motherwell on goal difference.

The only public disagreement among Hibernian staff then saw individuals vying for the lion's share of the blame. The spectacle of men jostling one another in the attempt to face facts did, at least, speak well of the candour at Easter Road. Darren Jackson, the Scotland forward, was insistent that it was all the fault of the players. Jim Duffy, the Hibernian manager, felt that the greatest re-sponsibility lay with him. Since his appointment at the end of last year, just three league games have been won.

Duffy further implicated himself by pointing out that he has made half a dozen signings. The newcomers have extended the squad without deepening its quality. Only one of the six, Shaun Dennis, was bought from a premier division club - Raith - and even they are now relegated. Chic Charnley, Jamie Mc-



Scottish commentary

Quilken, David Elliot, Lee Power and Paul Tosh all arrived from the first division. Hibernian will spend the next few days reminding themselves that they have better players than Airdrie and thus should remove the most pressing worries by simply beating them. In the longer term, though, Hibernian must demonstrate that they have some notion of how the club might be regenerated.

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The owner, Tom Farmer, rescued Hibernian from bankruptcy in 1991, but agrees that he has no interest in football. He does not exercise power in day-to-day affairs, and since no one else possesses his authority, there is always a risk of a leadership vacuum. Supporters are understandably, engrossed by rumours of a takeover.

They may also cast covetous glances at the other side of Edinburgh, Heart of Midlothian's financial wounds seem to be healing, with £6 million raised through a share issue, and they are established among the stronger clubs. Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, observed wryly that his counterpart at Tynecastle, Jim Jefferies, is the only premier division manager not to have heard calls for his sacking this year. • Defeat on Saturday for

Rangers, the champions. hardly mattered, and the Scottish football writers' player of the year, Brian Laudrup, did not even take part, but Hearts' 3-1 victory was momentous for John Robertson. By scoring twice, he took his tally of league goals to 208, creating a club record as he moved clear of the figure of 206, set by Jimmy Wardhaugh. Hibernian are left to hope that they do not make their own little piece of history in 1997, by dropping out of the top flight.

# Freedman stars at the Palace

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By Russell Kempson

DOUGIE FREEDMAN: The Story. Were it translated on to the silver, screen this week, it might well vie for the Palme D'Or at the Cannes Film Festival. The script may lack the usual prerequisite ingredients of sex, drugs and rock'n'roll but it is irresistible nonetheless. It is a tale of angst, pent-up emotion and shame; drama, sudden vindi-

cation yet ultimate let-down. Scene one: Freedman falls out of favour with Steve Coppell, the Crystal Palace

Sheffield United

lpswich Town ...

By DAVID MADDOCK

AS A concept, there is a case to

be made for the play-offs. But

why bother with all this football business, given that the chances of getting an

exciting game are about as high as getting a Tory government?

The point is, these matches are such tense affairs and have so much at stake that it

seems a little unfair on the

FA Carling Premiership is such a massive prize in these television-sponsored days

participants. Promotion to the

keeps quiet, hides his time and

vows to do better. Scene two: He is recalled to the side, for the home game against Port Vale on May 4. but is sent off midway through the second half, for the first time in his career, for landing a right hook on Gareth Griffiths, the Vale defender.

Scene three: He is back on the bench at Selhurst Park on Saturday, for the first leg of the Nationwide League first division play-off semi-final against Wolverhampton Wanderers, but is brought on with 17 minutes remaining and scores two goals.

Scene four: Freedman signs autographs for his fans, in the

way to decide the issue.

Stockwell finds the pressure point

that two games is hardly the

It creates untold pressures and that is why rumours were

spreading around Bramall Lane, where the first leg of the

Nationwide League first divi-

sion play-off was staged on Saturday, that Howard Kendall, the Sheffield United manager, would be under threat if his side ultimately

failed to beat Ipswich Town.

it was hardly a classic.

nerves jangling in a game that never took off. The Ipswich

equaliser was a perfect illus-

tration, the raw nerve ends of the United defence exposed

by a pass from Scowcroft after 78 minutes that found Stock-

the substitutes' bench seven Seihurst Park car park, and ace already led 1-0, courtesy of times in nine matches. He reflects on his altercation with a firm, downward header Griffiths. If Palace go on to reach the play-off final, having successfully negotiated the re-

turn leg against Wolves at Molineux on Wednesday, he will not play at Wembley because of suspension. "It was a silly thing to do, it was very out of character for me," he said. "I'd been sitting

on the bench for about six weeks and perhaps all the frustration had built up inside me. I might have to pay a very heavy price, if we go on to reach Wembley, but I'll still be there, sitting and cheering the

Freedman's goals, taking his tally to 14 for the season, were delightfully taken. Pal-

area. He waltzed around de-

fender and goalkeeper and, with the equaliser, the visitors had the advantage. Before that moment United

seemed likely to benefit from

some nervous finishing by

their opponents as they ac-

cepted a valuable lead. Jan-Aage Fjortoft showed how it was done by gliding past Swalles to beat Wright, the

Ipswich goalkeeper, at his

near post after 4! minutes.

from Shipperley, when he lashed in a dipping, left-footed volley past the stranded Stowell.

Though Smith immediately reduced the gap, with his first goal for Wolves, Freedman responded with another gem - a delicate, right-footed lob as Smith and his team-mates appealed in vain for an offside

decision. That the last three goals were compressed into the final three minutes, producing a thunderous climax, created a sentially dull, tactically uninspiring and often ragged encounter. If either club genuinely possesses FA Carling Premiership credentials, they were mysteriously withhold

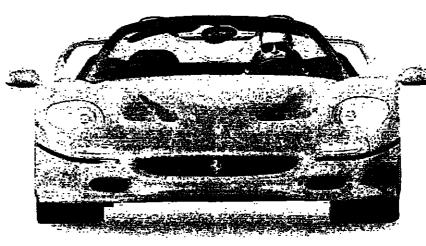
ing them from public view. Molineux should witness better, when Wolves, the pe-rennial underachievers, bear down on their prey and whip the partisan Black Country hordes into a frenzy. It will be a night for stout hearts in the Palace defence, when the will to survive will transcend all other qualities. "We know we can get the

two goals back," Keith Curle, the Wolves defender, said. "We'll stoke up the atmosphere. Let's get it on."

SHEFFIELD UNITED (4-4-2): A Kelly — M Ward, C Tiler, D Holdsworth, R Nilsen — D White (sub: C Short, Bernari), D Hutchtson, N Henry, D Whitehouse — JA Fjortoft, P Ketchouro (sub: G Taylor, 75).

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Returner: R Pearson. CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): C Nash — M Edworthy, A Roberts, A Linghern, D Gordon — G Dawse, D Hopton, R Houghton (sub. C Yeart, 82mm), S Rodger — B Dyer (sub. D Freedman, 73). N Shippertay. WOLVERHAMETON WANDERERS (3-5-2): M Stoneel — A Williams, M Allians, K Curle — J Smith, S Osborn, D Ferguson, G Thomas, A Thompson — S Bull (sub) D Foley, 84), I Roberts.



You either know where you're going...



...or you don't.

# Whitby's endeavour brings due reward

North Ferriby United ..... 0

Whitby Town .....

By WALTER GAMMIE

THIS was the weekend when the boat came in for Whitby. As the masses flocked to the town to view the replica of the Endeavour, 6,500 townspeople came to Wembley, watched Whitby Town sail off

with the FA Carlsberg Vase and returned happily to take their part in the celebrations. If North Ferriby's attractive

approach play was ill-served by surprising toothlessness round the penalty area and the scoreline did them no real a swing of his sweet left foot

justice, nobody would wish to deny Whitby their triumph. Already crowned as the

Federation Brewery Northern League champions, Whitby have set aside recent tribulations — being denied a place in the UniBond League three years ago, the collapse of a floodlight pylon — and performed with purpose and spirit under Harry Dunn.

Their experienced and clearsighted manager might rely on a bunch of eight 30-year-olds but their enthusiasm belied their age. Take David Logan, 33, who scored their first goal in the 28th minute, finding the roof of the net with

after Robinson returned a shot by Hodgson that rebounded off the angle of post and bar. Logan started at Whitby at

17, before embarking on a Football League career with Mansfield Town, Northampton Town, Halifax Town, Stockport County and Scarborough that he drew to a close when offered a job as a telephone engineer. Having returned to square one, only then did he reach "the pinnacle" of his career - scoring at

Wembley. Similar sentiments were expressed by Andy Toman, 35, another football wanderer, now Football in the Community officer at Bishop Auckland. Together with Cook, he fashioned the all-important second goal, a cross-shot thumped in by Williams.

Then, as the sun broke through, Toman enjoyed a golden moment, fiercely volleying the ball home from a tight angle after Sharp, under pressure, failed to fist Pitman's cross to safety. Whitby were home and dry.

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You've either got it...

RACING: SEEBE'S GALLANT SECOND IN POULICHES IS BEST RETURN FOR BRITISH RAIDERS

Home team puts challengers in shade

AT LONGCHAMP

A STRONG British challenge on two French classics yielded precious little at Longchamp yesterday when Always Loyal bettered the travelling triumverate of Seebe, Red Camellia and Dances With Dreams in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches. And the Michael Stoute-trained Yalaietanee. strongly fancied for the Poule d'Essai des Poulains, disappointed in fourth behind the impressive Daylami.

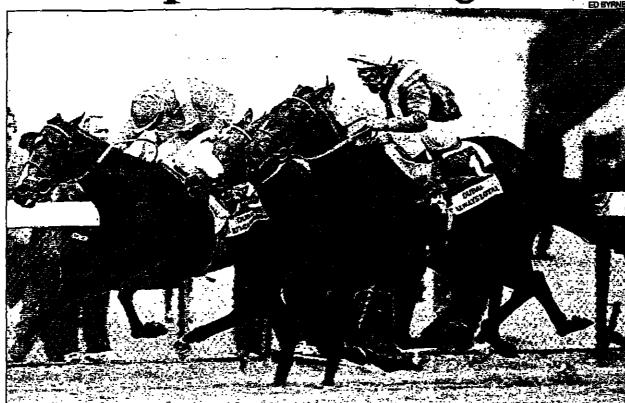
Yalaietanee established his credentials when mastering

#### RICHARD EVANS

Nap: PALO BLANCO (2.45 Redcar) Next best: Mengaab (4.15 Redcar)

subsequent 2,000 Guineas runner-up Revoque at Newbury last month. But the son of Sadler's Wells found himself at the head of affairs from the outset, with Richard Quinn seemingly determined to re-strain the free-running colt. Frankie Dettori, riding Bahamian Bounty, was in a similar predicament and the pair had effectively compromised their

chances by halfway. Their tribulations proved academic. Daylami, settled last of the six-strong field, was brought wide into the straight before scything down his opponents in the manner of a eighth Poulains winner for his owner, the Aga Khan, who



Always Loval, pearside, denies Seebe, noseband, and Red Carnellia in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches at Longchamp

Derby bid. The Aga Khan was emphatic Daylami's maximum range would be ten furlongs. He ran over ten furlongs at the end of last year and was beaten in the last 100 metres."

The suspicion was that Always Loyal, who gained a sixth Pouliches victory for her trainer, Criquette Head, landed a soft renewal of the fillies' classic. She conjured a rousing was quick to dampen specula- finish, prompting Mme Head

Pas De Reponse's 1,000 Guineas eclipse at Newmarket — to attribute the victory to raw courage. Certainly the filly responded with relish when called to account.

It looked as though Red Camellia's forcing tactics would pay dividends halfway down the home straight, but her trainer, Mark Prescott, later admitted he never raised a shout. "We came here knowing she didn't really stay a

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mile," he said. "It was mission accomplished to finish third." Then, for a few strides, Seebe threatened to take advantage of Red Camellia's fate. She may even have headed Always Loyal but Freddie Head would not be denied. "She ran a cracking

ing back all the time." Dances With Dreams, trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam, trailed the field before

race," Seebe's trainer, lan

Balding, said. "She was com-

Nightbird and Star Profile, the Godolphin-trained duo, failed to strike a meaningful blow.

Seebe eventually failed by a head but Always Loyal, whose third racecourse outing this was, has greater scope to progress. "In her trial she didn't know what to do when Freddie asked her to sprint," Mme Head said. "Today was different and she showed she

is very brave." Always Loyal now heads for

1, ALWAYS LOYAL (F Head); 2, Seebs; 3 Red Carnelle, ALSO RAN: Dances Will Mme C Head. Pan-mutual (inc. 240; 250, 290; SF, 16 30. 3.15 DUBA: POULÉ D'ESSAI DES POULAINS (Group 1: 3-Y-O colts and filles: £112.235: 1m)

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the Prix de Diane (French Oaks). The disappointment of the race was Mousse Glacee, who never threatened before folding tarnely into sixth. Britain fared better when Hever Golf Rose, last successful in the Prix de l'Abbaye here

19 months ago, held off the late thrust of Titus Livius in the Prix de Saint-Georges. Seb Sanders handled the mare with aplomb on his first ride Longchamp. And Cloudings, a narrow winner of the Prix Lupin, holds the Derby option if his trainer, André Fabre, rates him

worthy. Of more relevance to the Epsom classic was the towering performance of Silver Patriarch in the Tripleprint Derby Trial at Lingfield on Saturday. The son of Saddlers' Hall galloped seven lengths clear of Tanaasa to establish himself a worthy opponent for Entrepreneur. The colt is 8-1

3,30 FRANCE FILLIES HANDICAP

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4.30 DENMARK FILLIES SELLING STAKES

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# King's no longer rule waves in water polo

BY JOHN GOODBODY

NO SCHOOL has been so dominant in water polo in recent years as King's, Grantham. Coached by Jim Caulfield, a martinet in the pool but a charming man away from it, King's have usually been supreme in the national schools championships.

In the under-19 event they won five of the eight titles up to 1996. In the under-lo agegroup King's won nine times in the 13 years up to 1996. Caulfield said: "The standard is

getting better every year. I know how Alex Ferguson feels. Still, I get a buzz from these competitions. The adrenalin starts pumping. It's a drug but at least I sleep better than I used to do." He admitted that he "took his frustration out in a vocal sort of way".

He can say that again. His cajoling and criticism on the side of the pool clearly motivates his teams. He wants to win so much that the boys inevitably respond. They want to win for themselves but also for him. It gives them extra incentive. Caulfield said: "One boy said to me that the day I stop shouting is the day I will stop coaching. He was probably right.

The hardest thing is to keep the consistency. You try to get everyone sharp and ready on the same day. Sometimes not everyone is firing on all cylinders."

In the under-16 event at Putney on Saturday, King's lost 19-3 to Queen Elizabeth, Barnet, who went on to take the title by beating Trinity, Crovdon, 19-6 in the final.

faced Haberdashers' Aske's, Elstree. first to congratulate our captain."

SPORT in schools

their opponents in this final in the previous two years. For Trevor Hyde, the Haberdashers coach, who began these championships 21 years ago, it was the moment for which he had

been waiting. Haberdashers' had never won the title but this year had a team bristling with talent, including James Kattan and Matthew Irish, both of whom have captained the England junior team, and two national trialists, Alex Shaw and Ashley Blake. The final was an epic, with John Allan, of the City of London School, commenting:

'It was a real showcase for the sport.' There was never more than two goals between the teams. They were 5-5 at half-time, 9-9 at full time, 10-10 after one period of extra time and 11-Il at the end of extra time. The teams then went into sudden death and Haberdashers' scored the decisive goal to take the title 12-11. Hyde said: Jim is the person I look up to most in coaching water polo. It was a In the under-19 competition King's measure of the man that he was the

polo teams. Hyde said: "It is not difficult to interest boys in the game but it is harder to develop an interest than, say, in football or rugby, which are often on television and tactics and techniques are analysed. That is a learning environment for a boy."

Yet, water polo, he said, has many advantages as a sport. "Most activi-ties are about athletic prowess on the land. Water polo is about athletic prowess under water."

Many natural ball players are poor swimmers and vice versa, so the sport evens out the differing

Allan said: "A lot of good swimmers are not good water polo players. They swim into corners and get lost." Both he and Hyde agree that a requisite is to be a good strategist and to be able to see what is happening around you through flailing arms. splashing water and with a restricted vision because the head is only just above the water.

Although the sport is renowned for its aggressive toughness, the water, explained Hyde, is a "friendly environment", pointing out that "you do not get collisions of bones on a frozen pitch." He has seen only six serious accidents in 32 years involved in the sport: Allan, just two during his 22

But, Hyde added, water polo is also a hard sport. "You cannot breathe when you want to," he said. "Often, just as you are about to breathe, another tackle comes in.

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City of London and Trinity, Croydon. wage battle at Putney

# Challenge crews relishing calm after the storm

more relentless storms in L the Southern Ocean. commented that they could not imagine ever being warm and dry again. Now, just a week into the fifth leg of the BT Global Challenge, we are already in shorts and T-shirts and it is fast becoming hard to imagine being thoroughly cold and

The crew's reflections on the Southern Ocean range from the odd one who would vaguely contemplate returning, perhaps as skipper for the next race or maybe to round Cape Horn the "right" way, to the sentiment expressed by Sarah Brice, the medic on Concert, that the only ice she intended to see again was in a gin and tonic.

Cape Town was a tremen-

n the middle of one of the dous stopover. Apart from the fact that we were relieved to get there, it was an exciting place to visit and, although there was a lot of work to do on the boat, we managed to fit in a bit of exploring, including scramble up Table Mountain.

> In total, we had three weeks to recover from the rigours of the Southern Ocean and to prepare both ourselves and the boat for a very different leg. With some newly replaced parts to the boat - the pulpit on the bow had been battered out of all recognition and the crew and skipper. Chris Tibbs, all mended and in working order, we were more than ready for the run to The start was as impressive

as expected in the shadow of Table Mountain. There were Global Challenge

more people than we have seen at any other port. giving us a tremendous send-off, helped by a very impressive 'blessing of the waves" by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. The weather was kind, too, as we set off in blazing sunshine and then we really did sail off into the sunset - a giorious There could be no greater

contrast to the previous leg. Our only reminders are the weather faxes received on the an-board computer, which still depicts large areas of the Southern Ocean. We now take Lucy Duncan says thoughts are now

turning to home on

board Concert

great delight in looking from a distance at some horrible depressions, imagining the storms down there while we

are rather smugly up here. No longer do we have to drag waterlogged sails across a heaving deck, being regularly submerged by large waves. Since the start we have been sailing downwind with spinnakers, which is positively restful in comparison. No longer do we have to be woken half an hour before our next watch in order to struggle into numerous layers minute job to stagger out of bed and go straight on deck in casual clothing.

Consequently, the need for sleep is not so urgent and we have more time. We are all talking to each other much more again. We never seemed to have the time in the Southern Ocean - we were too busy just holding on and surviving.

Conversations thoughts are now beginning to turn to plans for after the race. Cape Town seems to have been something of a watershed and the end of the race is starting to become a reality. Approximately half the crew of Concert are intending to return to their jobs. though no one is quite sure of their expectations or how they will cope with "real life"

topic that will run and run. with the answers becoming less clear the closer we get to Southamoton.

Meanwhile, we are thoroughly enjoying the warmer weather and appreciating it far more than we did in October. Breakfast on the first day out of Cape Town found us in first place. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case as we are now third. Having lost the last leg by a mere 20 minutes, we need no incentive to avoid the same fate in

LATEST POSITIONS (as at 13.56 GMT yesterday, with miles to Boston) 1, Commercial Union 5.310; 2 Group 4.5.313; 3, Concert 5.202, 1 Control 5.202, 2 Group 4.5.313; 5, Control 5.202, 5, Save The Children 5.334 6, Courtands International 5.341, 7, Microtola 5.352, 8, Nuclear Electric 5.352, 9 Global Tearmoon 5.352, 10 Hearth Insured #.6.372; 11, Pause To Romentities 5.376, 12 Coden 1, Royer 5.399, 13, Time 8 Tide 5.414, 14, 3Com 5.418

# Withdrawal symptoms on horizon

the tobacco companies will be nervously moni-L toring the Queen's Speech this week to learn the full extent of the Government's proposed advertising ban. The industry is under siege. facing smoking-related damages cases in Britain and the United States, and most Western governments are increasing advertising and marketing res-In recent years, sport spons-

orship has become one of the most important forms of brand-building for the tobacco companies faced with restrictions on other forms of advertising. Sports as diverse as snooker and motor racing have come to rely heavily on tobacco money.

Labour appears to have moved away from a complete ban on tobacco sport sponsorship, but Tony Banks, the new Minister for Sport, is well known for his opposition to tobacco-company involvement in sport. Even limited restrictions, which stop short of a total ban, could force the tobacco industry out of sport if it decides that its product will no longer be reaching its target audience.

British tobacco companies spend 58 million a year on sport — about 20 per cent of their marketing budget. This only represents about 3 per cent of all sporting sponsorship, but it is highly concentrated on a number of smaller sports and the impact of its withdrawal could be devas-

The highest-profile beneficiary of tobacco money is Formula One motor racing Six of the 12 race teams have substantial tobacco backing, A British ban on advertising is unlikely to end tobacco sponsorship of Formula One, but it could lead to the cancellation of races in this country.

Bernie Ecclestone. sport's supremo, has already revealed that he is looking to expand the sport into Asia-Pacific - partly to win new followers, but also to avoid restrictions on tobacco sponsorship. Europe is likely to lose some of its races with the French Grand Prix, where restrictions are especially tough, favourite to disappear first. If Britain follows the French lead. Ecclestone would have few qualms about remov-



ing the British Grand Prix from the Formula One fixture

However, the withdrawal of tobacco sponsorship could lead to some UK-based sports falling into long-term decline. The Imperial Tobacco Group, best-known for its Regal and Embussy cigarenes, has supported snooker events for 22 years and the snooker authorities are convinced that without this backing the sport would never have achieved its high profile. The company has also been a hig sponsor of fishing competitions which have a huge following.

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The impact the withdrawal of tobacco money can have on a sport has been demonstrated by the plight of Hickstead, the premier show-jumping arena, which, earlier this year, lost £400,000 of sponsorship money provided by Silk Cut. It has taken the intervention of Paul Schockemöhle, the former Germany showjumper, to save the Royal International Horse Show, but the future of the Hickstead Derby hangs in the balance.

Tobacco companies argue that they operate under a voluntary code of practice that prevents the sponsorship of events in which a significant number of under-18s take part. The television companies impose further restrictions on now tobacco logos are displayed when sports events are

But even if the Government leaves tobacco sponsorship of sport untouched in this parliamentary session, there can be little doubt that it will remain vulnerable to new restrictions in the future. Sports which are especially reliant on tobacco money are almost certainly going to have to learn to wear hemselves off the habit.

Alasdair Murray

# Curling severs link with Barber

BY CARL EVANS

ONE of the sport's most successful partnerships ended on Saturday when Polly Curling finished her association with Richard Barber, the Dor-

set trainer. "Having been the yard's No 1 rider in the past I have been unhappy at getting fewer rides this season." Curling said from her Somerset home yesterday. "The final straw

came when I was told Polly Gundry would ride Earthmover at Chepstow."

One of the best six-year-olds in the country, Earthmover had been ridden by Curling until injury prevented her partnering him in two recent wins, when Gundry took over. Point-to-pointing's most

successful rider in recent years, Curling, 32, became Barber's first-choice jockey in 1993 and capped her association with the yard when

SATURDAY'S DETAILS

EAST ANSLIAN BLOODHOUNDS (Merks Tey): Confered: 1, Gwe II A Bash IT Moore, 12:1), 2, Dance on Sepernor, 3, Current Attraction, 7 ran, Open Mohr. 1, Fispporg Frede (M Gangel, 5-2 (Hay): 2, Fragment, 3, Ballad 6 Isn. Members: 1, Gypsy king (A Coe, 1-6 lay): 2, Paddy A Go Go 2 ran Men's Open: 1, Fordow (A Sensone, 4-1), 2, Over The Edge, 3, Lyrns Gold, 4 ran Ladles: 1, Professor Longheu (Miss C Panworth, 4-9 lay): 2, Major Inquiry, 3, Ace Of Spies 3 ran, intermediate 1, Rough Edge (W Wales, 3-1), 2, Ballyella Castle 3, Shake Five 8 ran,

winning Cheltenham's Fox-hunters' Chase on Fantus in 1995, a year in which she rode a record 40 winners between

the flags. She won the national women riders' title three times in that period but the non-stop success ended last year when Curling took a number of heavy falls and lost her women's championship title to Alison Dare. Some owners in the yard lost faith in Curling and Tim Mitchell effectively

SURRIEY UNION (Peper Harow): Hunt: 1, And Why Not (J Van Praagh, Evens fav); 2, Royal Irish. 3, The Forlies. 4 ran. Rest 1, 800cock's Pride (7 Underwood. Evens (I-lav); 2, Prime Course Only 2 finished: 3 ran. Men's Open. 1. Valibus (P Soculier, 5-1), 2. Billion Dollarbill; 3, Northem Village: 5 ran. Ladies: 1, Howenyadoon (Miss 7 Cawe, 1-2 lav); 2, Woody Will; 3, Abdul. Emir. 6 ran. Open Mele: 1, Provincial Retreat (P Bull, 5-4 lav); 2, Linger Balanda; 3, Armed Force. 7 ran. Confirmed: 1, Supreme Dealer (A Warr, 3-

became top rider. Mitchell rode Fantus at Cheltenham in March when the gelding col-lected his second Foxhunters' Chase, a demotion for Curling which she felt acutely.

Any ill feeling was sup-pressed when Curling raced to 16 winners this year and she was on course for another women riders' title until a fall on an outside ride last month rendered her unconscious and forced her to the sidelines for the mandatory 21 days.

She had a quiet return last week but when told Gundry would ride Earthmover, Curling declined the ride on Old Mill Stream, the ladies' open winner under Gundry at the Minehead & West Somerset on Saturday.

"We had some great times and I rode more than 110 winners for the yard," Curling said. "But when you ride for a high-profile yard you are expected to win on everything. Sometimes people forget that when you ride a lot of fiveyear-olds you are bound to have falls. Now I'm looking forward to riding for some old friends. I've ridden 195 winners and my next goal is 200. I'm certainly not packing the sport up."

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Inte Moon (9-2), 3. Full Amit (14-1) 14 are 8.05 1, "Tight Fist (13-8), 2. Stathon Flyer (40-1): 3, Hun With Joy (33-1) Lucky Eddie 8-4 tav 7 ran NPT Betly Critice 8-35 1, Apachee Flower (9-4 lavt. 2, Amiltonnemones (4-1); 3, Tigar Claw (10-1) 11 ren

5.20 1, Multionherg (7-2); 2, Above The Cut (11-4 jf:tex), 3, Schnozzie (8-1) Lucky Arches 11-4 j-lev. 6 ran. 5.50 1, Alpine Midt (6-1), 2, Verde Luna (7-2); 3, Alocalii (14-1), Snowy Petrel 11-8 tev 4 rm.

Newton Abbot

Warwick

# Dutchman defies odds

SAILING

By EDWARD GORMAN SATLING CORRESPONDENT

ROY HEINER, of Holland, swept into the finish of the Royal Ocean Racing Club's North Sea Race at Scheveningen on Saturday on his new Mount Gay 30 Deugnit, to steal first place overall in the IMS division from many larger yachts.

Heiner, who is based at Enkhuizen on the ljsselmeer and won a bronze medal in the Finn class at the Olympic Games, was all the more impressive for having won on a yacht designed to carry water ballast. This is illegal under IMS rules, so his tanks

were empty and sealed. More than half the 60 starters who mustered off Harwich on Friday for the 192-mile race were Dutch, preparing for the IMS European championships next weekend.

A squally south-westerly produced plenty of power amid frequent showers. After a short beat at the start, the fleet was off the wind for most of the race, including a fast spinnaker run up to Smith's Knoll off the Norfolk coast and then a long broad reach on starboard to MSP buoy off ljmuiden.

The first finishers, including Richard Mathews's Oyster 46. Essex Girl, which took line honours, were able to fetch all the way to the line. But most of the fleet was forced to tack and they had the 25-knot southerly in their faces as they approached Scheveningen.

In the British-dominated CHS divisions. David Powell. on his West Mersea-based Lightwave 395, Blush, prevailed in Class I from the Dutch-owned J44. J-Star. In Class 2. David Geaves's successful Burnham-on-Crouchbased 135. Fiona VII. won for the second year in succession. in Class 3 the OOD34, Twee Gezusters, owned by Hans Zuiderbaan but skippered by his wife, Hannah, emerged victorious.

Captain Roy Aspinall, of West Mersea, won Class 4 on his well-travelled UFO 34.

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2.20 1, Peppe Charile (4-1), 2, Mister Trick (3-1), 3, Eternal City (15-2) Eastdiffe 5-2 11 ren
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 Minz (15-8); 3, Amber Holly (20-1) 12 ran
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TRAINERS

3.50 1. Palace Of Gold (11-8 lav), 2. Nois Espat (7-1), 3. Suselfa (9-2) 9 lan. 4.20 1, Tapetich (5-2 p-tev): 2, Super Sendy (13.2): 3, Cardenden (3-1) What Fettle 5-2 p-tax. 6 ran 4.50 1, Kinda Groovy (9-1): 2, Highland Way (9-2): 3, Jumbo Ster (12-1) Rascally 8-11 law 6 ran

Worcester

2.10 1. Kinnescaah (5-4); 2. Turchev (5-1); 3. Influence Pedier (10-11 lav). 5 ran 2.40 1. Who Am I (16-1); 2. With Impunity (7-4 lav), 3. The Bargeman (7-2); 10 van. NR: Walls Court 3.10 1, Stay With Me (9-2); 2. Our Robert (10-1); 3. Classic Pel (5-1). Apache Park 10-3 fav. 10 ran. NR: Mutezz.

3.40 1, Lay It Off (8-1), 2, Mariell Boy (9-1); 3, Farney Glen (14-1) Nove Champ 5-2 4.10 1, The Toiseach (2-1 (av); 2, Denting, Bridge (11-4); 3, General Moulder (3-1), 6

4.40 1, Macgeorge (13-8 tev); 2, Droam Ride (8-1); 3, Lien De Familie (33-1), 11 ren, NR; Kiwi Crystal,

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

tav 9 ran, e.a.d McMurrough (9-4 p-tav); 2. Desen Fonce (12-1); 3, Super Report (5-1) Chief Mouse 9-4 p-tav 5 ran, e.a.d 1. Albermante (6-1); 2, Grations (33-1), 2, law Dawn (11-4 lav); 17 ran NR Arctic Trumph, Surptise Chy 7-20 1, Mass Digitin (10-3); 2, Sounds Strong (11-2); 3, Hamstown Lindy (9-2); Gamylough 5-2 tav, 7 ran NR Genboo Gold 7-20 1, Rese Britane Busk 446 (5-4); 2, True 5-2 (av. 7 art nn Canado (av. 2.) True 7-50 1, Prince Buck (4-6 fav. 2.) True Fortune (7-2): 3, Denton Ri (6-1) 8 ran 8.20 1, Andewaph (16-1): 2 Lucy Citiers (10-1). 3, Wineton Run (16-1) Oi Mother 11-10 law 21 ran NR Minibelle

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# Covers shielding playing flaws are washed away

IT WAS almost teatime on the eighth day of the Britannic Assurance county championship programme before the victory of the season was recorded. The fact that it went to Gioucestershire will raise a few evebrows: the fact that they beat Hampshire will

There have been two principal topics of conversation during this sodden start to summer and only one has concerned the weather. Cricket, thus far, might have been fragmented, frustrating and sometimes futile, but it has not been unrevealing. Already, it is clear that a number of teams are depressingly inadequate.

Hampshire are but one of these. Like most sides who consider themselves "in transition" - a useful mitigation for teams not as good as they used to be - their players are either young and promising or old and past their best. They lack the vital middle ground, men in their prime to do the bulk of the work.

But for the washout of the fourth day in the opening round of fixtures, in which they were decidedly secondbest against Essex, they would have suffered two heavy defeats by now and there are doubtless more to come.

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Sussex — and a good deal will

be said if they go on playing as they did at Lord's this week

- but they are not short of

positive ideas (Alan Lee

writes). The "old fartism" that

dominated the club for gener-

ations is now tolerated only so

long as it sits in the corner in

Now that the new commit-

tee is in place and includes

businessmen such as Don

Trangmar, a director of

Marks & Spencer, in addition

to John Snow and John

Spencer, both former players.

expect some action that the

Sussex of old would have

regarded as unacceptably

One early example of the

forward thinking will be a

proposal to play some mid-

summer county champion-

ship cricket during hours

when more people can watch it. Sussex, keenly aware that

their regular patronage is

determined to appeal to a

younger audience, want to start some of their four-day

games at 1pm and play

The notion, one of a

number formulated by the

sharp mind of Tony Pigott,

the new chief executive, is

designed to attract people

who work nine-to-five and

predominantly elderly

through to 8.30pm.

benign silence.

radical

Late finishes herald

Sussex's new dawn

SAY what you like about could therefore see half a

day's cricket straight from the

It is an extension of the

floodlit cricket exercise, re-

vived by Surrey and taken up

enthusiastically this summer

by both Warwickshire and

Sussex. All three are to stage

Axa Life League fixtures on

midweek evenings, probably

with a 5pm start, and the

prospect of a nasty fail-out

between two of the experi-

menters has, thankfully, been

Sussex had initially decided

upon their mid-June fixture

with Essex as the ideal night

match. Approval had been

obtained from the England

and Wales Cricket Board and

a sponsor was lined up when

Surrey made contact with a

against Nottinghamshire on

Friday, June 27. It will have

television coverage and

sponsorship which, apparent-

the first of its kind, a boast

that Sussex's plans would

After some debate, Sussex

agreed to back down and will

not now be shaking up the

music and all things modern

until the end of August. Their

opponents. appropriately, will

have scuppered.

were dependent on it being

Surrey's floodlit fixture is

plea for a postponement.

Championship

Commentary

of runs that he forecast for himself when the sun does shine in earnest, and there is something to like in the youthful seam bowling of Dimitri Mascarenhas and Simon Renshaw, but Hampshire, on early evidence, will

struggle.

If the gauge for this is that they were soundly thrashed by Gloucestershire, who are themselves highly unlikely to win anything grander than the Costcutter Cup, then bleaker judgment still can be made of Nottinghamshire. They required a lunchtime abandonment on Saturday to

> cient indictment. Evans, Franks, Bowen, Tolley and Bates - the bowling line-up at Hartlepool must rank as one of the most anonymous and innocuous attacks of recent years. Mohammad Zahid, Cairns's replacement, may take some wickets if and when he shakes off niggling injuries but he remains a prime example of a club snatching at an overseas player for the sake of having

loss against Durham.

Durham side that now has a

wisely to reinforce a shaky

and Martin Speight. The wea-

ther on Saturday was cruel.

for two years. But it would still

have said too much about the

shortcomings of their

In the early 1990s, Notting-

hamshire spent three seasons

out of four in the champion-

ship place-money. They were

eleventh in 1995 and seven-

teenth a year later, when they

lost eight of their last ten

dynamism of Chris Cairns, it

is even difficult to imagine a

repeat of the transient re-

demption they claimed last

season from a silver medal in

the Sunday League. Tim Robinson, 40 next year.

is still much their best bats-

man and the fact that their

bowling attack is led by Kevin

Evans, an admirably loyal

who would be a decent first-

change in most sides, is suffi-

wholehearted servant

The problems do not end Highly promising young players, such as Matt Dowman, Usman Afzaal and Jimmy Hindson have simply not trained on at Trent Bridge and people are entitled to wonder why. There is a pervasive dourness about the image of the club, which may not help, and for a big county with a much-loved Test ground, Nottinghamshire are in a

deepening mess. They managed a solitary championship win last year and may have a considerable wait for one this time around. They do not, for instance, meet Sussex until the final match of the season, by which time spirit is annually the decisive factor among those teams with nothing to play for but pride. And this, for all the brave

words of their new men at the helm, will assuredly be the fate of Sussex, for they plainly lack the resources to be competitive in a four-day environment. With some burgeoning youngsters and a healthy defiance of the general inclination to write them off. Sussex may get by in limited-overs cricket: may even surprise a few. But there is no escape in the modern championship, which is how it should be, and they were dreadfully exposed at Lord's this week by a Middlesex side some way short of

Sussex, too, were grateful for the rain, which fell just as an innings defeat looked inevitable. Every other venue, bar Bristol, ended the same way, so the championship table after two rounds has an unusually lame look to it. Nothing that has occurred yet has indicated which county will win the title: but enough has been seen for us to be certain of several who will not.

peak form.



Wright, who enjoyed success in suits as well as whites, is again devoted to the business of winning matches

# Wright keen to open new chapter

would be wise not to bet on that this summer. There are plenty of nice guys in cricket and none nicer than John Wright, the former New Zealand captain who has just returned to the English game as coach and manager of

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Everybody likes him, even those bowlers who had so much difficulty prising him from the crease during a 19-year playing career that included 88 Test matches and 12 years in county cricket with Derbyshire. He is not just a nice guy, though; he is a hard guy, a left-handed opening batsman who stood up un-flinchingly to the fastest bowlers in the world for the best part of two decades. He is an unyielding guy who once glued his top hand to the bat handle to make a point about his technique.

He is an intelligent guy who went straight from cricket into a management job with a leading multinational company. He is a competitive guy, who within three years was in charge of sales and distribution for a food manufacturing firm. And he is a passionate guy, who has now given up his burgeoning busiPat Gibson discovers a hardened edge to the 'nice guy' image of the Kent coach

He was sitting at his office

desk in Christchurch when he received a telephone call from England telling him that Kent were looking for a replacement for Daryl Foster, their Australian coach. Now he is trying to come to terms with the difference between playing, which he was still doing only four years ago, and coaching, which is almost entirely new to him.

"It was quite a big career decision," Wright, 42, with a wife and two young children, said, with considerable understatement. He was believed to have turned down a similar career move with Derbyshire last year. "I suppose I had always wanted an opportunity to coach as long as it was the right opportunity," he said.

"In New Zealand, opportunities like this are non-existent unless you are coaching the national side and I thought this was as good as I was going to get. I very much enjoyed my time as a county cricketer and I knew Kent

because I played for them before I joined Derbyshire in 1976. I also knew that they were very keen and passion ate about their cricket, and while I am sure that brings a lot of expectation and pressure to produce results, there

is nothing wrong with that."
Wright believes that his business experience will help him in that respect. "I have seen life outside cricket," he said, "and I think that is very important because busines can be even more focused and competitive than sport.

look at most successful husinesses and successful teams, many of the factors are very similar. You do have a structure, you do accountability, you do review your performance, you do make changes when necessary, you do try and create a

culture. There is not a lot of difference, really. It is just a different game. Things happen more quickly out in the middle and instead of look-

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county championship

Derbyshire v Surrey

DERBY (final day of lour): Derbyshire (7pts), crew with Surrey (6)

SURREY: Pret havings 267 (G P Thomps 63, M P Biolandi 74, D E Malcolm 4 for 95).

M E Cassar, 1K M Krikken, P A J DeFreitas, K J Dean, A J Hams and D E Malcolm did

BCMLRIG: M P Bisknet 8-1-38-2; Lewis 5-0-25-0; Tudor 2-0-20-0; Hollioske 3-0-12-0; Senjaman 11.4-3-29-1; Saliebury 9-2-23-0

Durham v

Nottinghamshire

HARTLEPOOL (Timal day of lour): Durha: (Topis) draw with Notinghamshire (7)

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings 170 (C M Tolley 54; A Walker 7 for 56).

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R T Robinson to Boiling to Walter
G F Archer low to Boiling
M N Bowen c Boon to Brown
M P Downnon's Boon to Frester
P Johnson e Lews to Boiling
C M Tolley not out
W M Nation not out

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-60, 3-68, 4-108, 5-150, 6-150.

BOWLING: Brown 22-7-57-1; (Genn 13-2-24-1; Walter 10-2-50-1; Boiling 21.1-12-32-2; Boon 3-1-70; Foster 5-0-21-1; Collegewood 1-0-6-0

DURHAM: First Innings 331 (N J Speek 93, D C Boon 68).

Gloucestershire

v Hampshire

Unipres: R Julian and J F Steele

lotal (6 wids) ...

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-24, 3-141.

DERBYSHERE: First innings
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G A Khan not out
C J Adams low b M P Blocknell ...
D M Jones o Thorpe b Benjamin ...
V P Clarke not out

Extras (fb 11, nb 16) ......

Total (3 wids, 39.4 overs)

ing at the weekly sales results I will be looking at the county championship table. Instead of shareholders to satisfy. I

have now got members." Kent supporters should not be disappointed. Wright's eximited to the odd certificate and helping out at the recent-ly established New Zealand cricket academy, but he has a profound knowledge of the game and a philosophy that he has already spelt out to his players. "It is very different and very new to me," he said. "I am untried and untested, but Kent have taken a punt on me and I am looking forward to the challens

"The thing that I loved most about Test cricket was being able to compete with the very best, and the thing that I value most about players is the desire to compete. Things like promise, talent, ability, you can have have the instinct, the attitude and the total single-mindedness to achieve and compete, you will not get very far."

A nice guy? "I don't think

that niceness comes into it really," Wright said. "It is when you are not hard and competitive that you are going to come last.'

Umpires: G.I Burgess and R.A. White.

SUSSEX: Pier innings 187 (C.W. J. Athe not out: J. P. Hewitz & for 60)

Second Innings
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Newell not out
K Rap c Brown b Hewell
C Desires c Weekes b Hewell
P Moores not out

BOWLING: Kells 62-15-0; Hewitt 15-5-24-4; Johnson 9-2-24-0; Fraser 11.3-2-33-0; Tuthell 15-10-8-2; Weekes 1-0-5-0

Unopires: V A Holder and J H Hempshire.

Northamptonshire

NORTHAMPTON (final day of four): North-amplionshire (7pts) draw with Somerase (8) NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First limitige, 185 (K.M.Curran 73; A.R.Caddick & for 65)

SOMERSET: First limings 290 (3 D Rose 109 not out, M Burns 82; Mohammed Aleram 5 to 72).

BOWLING: Gough 6-0-33-0; Stemp 18-5-35-1; Vaughan 10-1-80-1; Silverwood 5-0-27-0; Hismitton 3-0-17-0

Umphes: T.E. Jesty and S.J. Meyer.

S P James & Stemp H Mones & Vaughan A Dele not out "M P Maynard not out."

Extres (0.4, nb 4)....

v Somerset

R M Coran 75; A R Caddick 6 for Second Innings
R R Montgomerie not out
M B Loye c Kerr b Shine
"A J Bailey lob b Rose
K M Curren b Caddick
A L Penberthy c Turner b Caddick
D J Capit C Lathreel b Rose
J K Shippe not out

Estras (b 4, 1b 6, w 4, nb 2)

Middlesex v Sussex

# **Curtis hails** healthy impact of four-day revolution

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BY SIMON WILDE

ANYONE who thinks English cricket has not made great strides in recent years should listen to the tale of Tim Curtis, who is retiring this summer after a distinguished career for Worcestershire, with whom he won two championships and four one-day trophies.

He was educated well, academically and in cricket, and has always considered the game's broader interests, a fact recognised by the seven years he was granted as chairman of the Cricketers' Association and three as Worcestershire captain. He played five times for England.

Curtis "made" it as a player, but for a time it was touchand-go. He first appeared for Worcestershire in 1979, at the age of 19, in the era of threeday cricket, countless overseas players and contrived finishes. He spent much of his first seven championship matches watching Glenn Turner score six centuries and barely got to the crease.

"When I started playing Somerset possessed Viv Richards and Joel Garner, and with Ian Botham and Vic Marks also in the side, you were facing something like a Test attack," he said. "You might say that the game was stronger in those days but, in terms of overall standard and competitive feel, county cricket has greatly improved.

"We have only been playing



this country for 35 years and it took a long time for the championship to produce cutand-thrust cricket. The fourday game has been good for that. Every run scored, wicket and catch taken, is fought for and the standard is improving all the time. The positives are coming through. There is time to practise between matches and a growing demand for

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There is also more logic to a championship in which every team plays the others once. It was no coincidence that when Worcestershire won the title in 1988 and 1989 we played six teams twice and these included Gloucestershire and Glamorgan, who were not strong.

His first championship cen-

average of 40. One of the steps taken by the Cricketers' Association during Curtis's chairmanship was to encourage its members to develop careers outside the game. If one of the present proposals under consideration is adopted, young players will

They will play at weekends and take a day off to play during the week. The counties will then be able to find out about them without cutting them off from other work." Curtis could hardly have

been chosen for England at worse times, coming into sides that were losing heavily to West Indies in 1988 and Australia m 1989, the year in Which an unofficial party was being secretly assembled to tour South Africa. "We knew there were rebels within the team but did not know who

on Ceefax in the dressingroom. I may have felt it more because Worcestershire were doing well, but I think we all took solace in our county's fortunes. I don't look back and think I should have played more times for my country. If I do have a regret, it is that I did not show more confidence. I would have loved to smack the ball around like Hick, I should

# Lancashire's source of cup success runs dry

By Alan Lee

LANCASHIRE have made a moribund start to the season and will relinquish the first of the two cups they hold today with elimination from the Benson and Hedges Cup. Technically, they could still reach the quarter-finals, but it requires such a mind-boggling coincidence of scores and results that the prospect cannot be taken seriously.

Victory over Worcestershire, in their final group match at Old Trafford, would not in itself be enough. Lancashire would need to make a record total to boost their inferior run-rate and then rely on Warwickshire beating Derbyshire in a low-scoring affair at Derby. It is all too fanciful. Lancashire are out and deservedly so.

What has gone wrong? Well, an injury or two, certainly, but there is more to it than that. The Lancashire batting has lacked conviction, with

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Atherton and Crawley particularly barren. They have not made the totals to dominate games as they did through a run of 15 ties unbeaten while winning the competition twice in succession.

Elimination, though, may be no bad thing. Perhaps they can now be faithful to the pledge plastered on the noticeboards of the pavilion and concentrate on fulfilling their potential in the county championship. In an attempt to mirror the intimidation of the Anfield tunnel, there is now a bold sign on the stairs to the dressing-rooms announcing "This is Old Trafford". They must now play some cricket to

Yorkshire will guarantee emselves a home quarter final, providing they beat Minor Counties at Headingley today, while the game at Derby should be a straight eliminator. In the other groups, Essex, Kent and Leicestershire remain unbeaten and favourites to go through as winners.

Surrey, many people's idea of the likely winners, are not yet certain to progress but only an improbably heavy defeat by Sussex at the Oval will dislodge them from a place in the last eight on May 27.

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SPISTOL (final day of tour). Gloucesterating (24pts) boat Hampstere (6) by six wickets HAMPSHIRE: First trivings 318 (S.D. Udal SS, R.A. Smith 52, A.M. Smith 4 for 61). Second Innings Suras (0 5, 10 2, nb 2) ....

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-12, 3-21, 4-72, 5-80, 6-102, 7-113, 8-132, 9-146. BONLING Smith 22-5-45-6; Lawrence 8-3-15-1; Young 21-8-48-0; Ball 8-3-18-1; Alleyne 8-2-14-1 GLOUCESTERS: HRE: Pirst innings 403 (I Young 73, R C Russel 66, M W Alleyne 62 M A Lynch 62, J P Stephenson 4 for 81). Second Impings

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good practice facilities. ALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-28, 3-51, 4-54 BOWLING: Hayden 5 0-20-0; Renshaw 6-0-30-4; Massagertess 1,4-0-8-0. LORD'S firms day of lour): Middlesex (11pts) draw with Susant (5) MIDDLESEX: First limings 490 for 9 day (M R Rampalash 145, K R Brown 744 not out; A A Khan 5 for 137).

Predictably, in view of his experiences, Curtis quickly resolved to make himself into an opening batsman. The role seemed to suit his temperament even though it proved a far from smooth

tury did not come until 1984 but, in the end, he took centuries off all Worcestershire's county opponents and scored more than 20,000 runs in all first-class matches at an

increasingly join counties as semi-professionals with outside jobs," he said.

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**Taylor fails** as Waugh warms up for Ashes

MARK WAUGH scored 116 in 66 balls to power Australia to an easy victory over a Rest of the World XI in Hong Kong yesterday. Australia, chasing 245 in 40 overs, reached their target in only 28 overs. Waugh's hundred, made in 91 minutes, included II fours and nine sixes on the short boundaries of the Kowloon

Waugh was given early support by his brother. Steve. also in boundary-making form, after the visitors had made a shaky start losing their out-of-form skipper. Mark Taylor, caught behind

Australian spectators, Waugh reached his century with an enormous six, dispatching the yellow ball on to an adjoining bowling green where a ladies' match was in progress. A pitch invasion ensued, in

Scotland yesterday switched their Benson and Hedges

Cup match against Nottinghamshire today from Titwood to Grange Cricket Club in Edinburgh because of a waterlogged pitch.

England where they will defend the Ashes, reached 248 for six, claiming the Super Challenge Cup in the first oneday international held in Hong Kong. The Rest of the World

reached a respectable total.

faced a big challenge in the opening weeks of the Ashes

myself and the other selectors

# HUGH ROUTLEDGE defence B) OUR SPORTS STAFF Cricket Club.

To the raucous cheers of

which an Australian supporter presented the batsman with a glass of chilled lager. Australia, en route to

thanks to the efforts of the Indians, Rohan Gavaskar (51) and Sanjay Manjrekar (80). and some punchy play by the middle order, including some rather agricultural swings. Taylor admitted that he

tour. He said on Saturday that he would drop himself from the Test side if he failed "I've got a month to prove to

that I am one of the two best opening batsmen in this side."

# Middlesex cruise to Sunday League victory with Ramprakash firmly at the helm Fraser rips the heart out of feeble Sussex

LORD'S (Middlesex " won toss): Middlesex (4pts) beat Sussex by seven wickets

THE yellow shirts that Sussex wear on Sundays have served as a fitting commentary on the cricket they have played at Lord's this week. They avoided an overwhelming defeat in the championship match that finished on Saturday only because rain ripped out more than a day's play. Yesterday, they lost by a country mile in the Axa Life League because they could make no more than

131 for nine. Middlesex won easily, having 11 overs to spare when they reached their revised target of 129 in 38 overs. It was their first victory of the season, coming after a run of four defeats in one-day cricket, including that Benson and Hedges Cup loss in Dublin, and a draw in the championship. Mark Ramprakash maintained his fluent earlyseason form with an unbeaten

It was not an ideal pitch for one-day cricket and Mike Gatting's decision to ask Sussex to bat first on it was justified when his bowlers threatened to run through their batting for a song. That Sussex managed to complete their 40-over allocation owed eveything to an unbeaten lastwicket stand of 39 by Mark Robinson and Amer Khan:

At the end of a frightful week Sussex could point to that stand with a measure of pride, or, if not pride, amuse-ment. To find Sussex's previous best last-wicket stand in Sunday cricket you must go back to 1969, the first year of the competition, when John Snow and Don Bates made an unbeaten 37 against Hampshire at Hove. To be honest, it does not mean a lot. Sunday cricket, when it is played this poorly, early in the season, on a fairly cheerless day, is a miserable experience.

Angus Fraser might not agree. He has been searching

# on new facilities

By Our Sports Staff

THEY officially opened the Dennis Brookes Gates at Northamptonshire's County Ground yesterday, but not many people passed through them as a succession of heavy showers washed out their Axa Life League game against

The gates, bearing the name of a man who has served Northamptonshire for 60 years as player, captain, coach, finance administrator, committee member and captain, and a new wall at the Abington Avenue end of the ground effectively complete the work made necessary by the departure of Northampton Town Football Club three

At Derby, a thoroughly miserable five days at the Racecourse Ground ended with the Axa Life League game between Derbyshire and Surrey going the same way as their county championship meceting.

The teams spent four-fifths of the time kicking their heels in the changing rooms, culmi-nated in a final curtain at 5pm yesterday afternoon.

Numerous pitch inspections by Barry Dudieston and Allan Jones, the umpires, held out a faint hope of a start at 5.30pm. but torrential rain then followed a cloudburst in the early afternoon and there was no option but to settle for a no-

Teams will be hoping for a change in the weather for the final round of Benson and Hedges Cup games today.

Middlesex have added Ricky Fay and David Nash as they search for their first win this year's competition against Somerset at Lord's. Vasbert Drakes, the fast bowler, and Keith Newell, the haisman, are both doubtful for

Sussex's crucial game against Surrey at the Oval. Drakes suffered a side injun and Newell a pulled hamstring in the drawn county championship match against

Middlesex. If Newell is unfit he may be replaced by his 23-year-old younger brother, Mark, and James Pyemont, the teenaged batsman, could also be considered for his debut in the compenition.

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

high and low for wickets to start his benefit year, one that is bound to be wellrewarded given his excellent service to Middlesex and Enghand over the past decade. Watching him bowl is an entertainment all by itself because he never bothers to

disguise his feelings.

After Ricky Fay had taken two of the first three wickets, bowling his eight overs unchanged at the start of the innings. Fraser burst into action at the Pavilion End. By the time he had finished,

Lynch's assault . League scores

Sussex were down and out at 90 for eight and he had taken three for ten from eight overs. Peter Moores was bowled neck and crop, Paul Jarvis holked one to deep square leg and Nick Phillips carved to third man, where Scott Moffat held a good running catch.

It was not the strongest Sussex side, although it is increasingly difficult to know what is. Rather like the gov erness in The King and I, recruits in their dressing-room must feel it is a case of "getting to know you, getting to know all about you; getting to like you, hoping that you like

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#### men are struggling to make runs he is making them left. right and centre and that is all

There was a Newell out

there yesterday, a chap called

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youth by the name of Strong.

With a Rao, and a Khan, and a

hey-nonny-no, spectators should keep a Playfair by their

beds this year when planning a day watching Sussex. Des-mond Haynes, who said when

he was appointed the club's coach last year that he would write letters to all the players

on their birthday, is going to

Newell was the top scorer

yesterday, making 21, all but two of them in singles. That is the stuff to bring back the crowds! Then, after Sussex fell

away to 92 for nine, there was

the glorious spectacle of Rob-

inson batting out eight overs,

day-best score, seven, as he

exceeding his previous Sun-

It was not the best pitch for

strokeplayers but it was still a

feeble effort to make no more

than 131. Even though Weekes

and Kallis went early, before

rain lopped two overs off the Middlesex reply, Gatting and Ramprakash had few difficul-

ties. They came together as a

rainbow appeared over Re-

gent's Park and, though their

batting was not so colourful,

they made 95 in 18 overs to put

Gatting pulled Khan to deep

backward square leg when he would rather have finished

with an asterisk against his

name. Ramprakash went calmly to his fifty, driving Khan over long-on for a six to

go with five fours - as many as Sussex managed between

them - and ended the game

with a sixth, picked up over

mid-wicket. When other bats-

the result beyond doubt.

be one very busy man.

a batsman can do. One thing is for sure. Sussex could do with somebody like him. Please, no more excuses from the South Coast. If they want to put this wretched week behind them they should

try looking in the mirror.

AXA Life League Durham v Nottinghamshire

N Kalleen not out \_\_\_\_\_\_2 Total 18 wids, 23 oversi A Walker did not bat FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-45, 3-58, 4-104, 5-111, 6-136, 7-137, 8-147.

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Robinson not out "P Johnson not out . ..... Extras (to 3, w 4, no 4) . Total (1 witt, 18.4 overs)

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Gloucestershire v Hampshire BRISTOL (Gloucestarshire won loss): No result. Gloucestershire (2pts) Hampshire

N. J. Trainox, M. C. J. Bail, A. M. Smith, and K. P. Shearac did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-17, 3-18, 4-115.

BOWLING: Laney 4-0-25-1, Udal 3-0-26-2; Kendali 3-0-18-1; Whitakar 3-0-38-0; Mascerenhas 3-0-36-1. HAMPSHIRE: M. L. Hayden, "J. P. Stephen-son, R. A. Smith, TA. N. Aymes, S. D. Udel, K. D. James, S. J. Rehehaw, A. D. Mascarenhes, W. S. Kendall, J. S. Laney, P. R. Whiteler.

Umpires: G I Burgess and R A White Middlesex v Sussex

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Total (9 wids, 40 overs) 151
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-44, 3-54, 4-56, 5-71, 6-84, 7-67, 8-90, 9-92
BOWLING: Hornti 6-0-24-1; Fay 8-1-23-2; Dutch 4-0-8-0: Weedless 8-0-32-1; Fraser 8-2-10-3; Kalife 6-0-19-2. MIDDLESEX P N Weekes of Newell b Jarvis J H Kalis Ibw b Robinson M R Remprekash not cui M W Garting o Jarvis b Khari

# Gates open SESTERDAYS SCORBOARDS

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Umpires: J.H. Hampshire and V.A. Holder Worcestershire v Leicestershire WORCESTER (Worcestershire won loss): Leicestershire (4pts) beet Worcestershire

LEICESTERSHIRE 

Total (8 wkts, 16 overs) A D Mulally did not ball FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-18, 3-19, 4-20, 5-23, 8-27, 7-44, 8-84

WORCESTERSHIRE Total (9 wids, 18 owers) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_62 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-11, 3-33, 4-35, 5-54, 6-54, 7-55, 8-69, 9-91 PAR SCORE: 99 from 16 overs

BOWLING: Persons 4-0-9-2. Mullelly 3-0-24-2; Johnson 3-0-17-1; Maddy 3-0-17-1; Dakin 3-0-21-2. Umpires: J W Holder and K E Palmer.

Yorkshire v Glamorgan HEADNGLEY (Yorkshire won toss). York-shire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by seven wickets

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BOWLING: Silverwood 6-0-38-0; Gough 7-0-33-1; Stemp 7-0-32-3; White 6-0-38-0; Hartley 6-1-46-2. \*D Byes c Monts b Date 83
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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-84, 2-132, 3-177. PAR SCORE: 193 from 32 overs

Johnson has the right formula By Ivo Tennant

BY SIMON WILDE

WORCESTER (Worcester-

shire won toss): Leicestershire

(4pts) beat Worcestershire by

LEICESTERSHIRE exacted

a measure of revenge for their

embarrassment in the champ-

ionship fixture at New Road

by upsetting Worcestershire. old hands at the one-day

game, in a truncated Axa Life

League match yesterday, a

spate of rainfalls preventing a

start until 5.20pm. After a

most unpromising start - at

one point they were 27 for six

16-overs thrash with some-

thing to spare.
Worcestershire began the last over, bowled by Maddy.

requiring 15 runs to reach

their target of 99, but they

could managed only eight

and finished on 92 for nine. In

HARTLEPOOL (Notting-

hamshire won toss): Notting-

hamshire (4pts) beat Durham

by nine wickets (D/L method)

they ran out winners in a

IN AN Axa Life match of 23 overs a side, Durham, who were put in, made 155 for eight. Nottinghamshire were thus left to score 154 to win. If anybody on the ground understood this logic — the scorers took 15 minutes to settle on this computation — it was not apparent. Duckworth Lewis are making for a baf-

fling duo.
The public-address announcer had a stab at explaining this new system for resolving run rates required for rain-affected limited overs matches, but, wisely, desisted. Besides, the crowd was much



Johnson: unbeaten 74

more concerned with the relegation from the FA Carling Premiership of Middlesbrough and Sunderland. Nottinghamshire won with 26 balls to spare, Paul Johnson making an unbeaten 74 off 42 balls with 13 fours.

The Association of County Cricket Scorers has already made it clear that it is none too happy at having to grapple with this complex system. Some among its number are of pensionable age and they found coping with computerisation difficult enough when it was introduced in 1993. One scorer, who is now dead, failed to comprehend that his computer would not work if he used

the "mouse" upside down.

Anyway, 154 was what Not-

with some freedom when he was run out by a direct throw from Bates, chancing the kind of single that even a man of his build has to take on Sundays.

loss of Moody and Hick. They were tied down by disciplined bowling and several batsmen perished in attempts to break Leicestershire also won distances. They will not want

Moores is comprehensively bowled by Fraser as the Sussex innings collapses at Lord's yesterday

Careful Habib makes the difference

because they possessed the one batsman, Aftab Habib. who was able to produce an innings of substance in such a frenetic game, but they did themselves no favours by responding to being asked to bat first by shuffling their order bewilderingly. Whitaker kept himself back to No 7 and Maddy to No 8 and no one but Habib seemed to have the first idea of what to

They lost three wickets in the third over and one each in the fourth, sixth and eighth overs, at which point the score was 27 for six. If they sent in men to hit Newport off his

tinghamshire required to win.

and that was what they got.

Last year they finished run-

ners-up in this competition and, if they continue to bat

and bowl like this, they should

do well once more. Johnson

and Robinson put on an

unbeaten 105 for the second

wicket in a mere 11 overs. The

manner in which they found

the gaps in the field was

Durham, as was evident

last season, do not possess the

kind of niggardly attack neces-sary to excel in this form of the

game. Robinson and Dow-

man began with 56 off seven

overs before the latter drove a

return catch to Brown. John

son, no doubt irked by a

suggestion in the national press from a former opponent

that Nottinghamshire are no longer worthy of first-class

status, played a splendidly

aggressive innings of calcular-

Killeen and Foster were the

two bowlers in particular who

struggled to maintain the right length. Johnson, who as

yet has not found his touch in

first-class cricket this season.

also came up with some deft

late cuts and improvised glid-ed shots to find the boundary.

By the end of his innings.

nobody quite knew where to

all reflected well on the

groundstaff at this most hospitable of clubs. This is Peter

Mandelson country, but sport

has been the only obsession

here for the past five chilly

days. Three of Durham's new

players made the bulk of their

runs, but none of them domi-

nated the bowling in the manner Johnson did later in

Speight opened, as he ex-

pects to do regularly this

season, and struck 42 off 39

balls before reverse sweeping

Boon was starting to play

Speak contributed, too, but

insufficient runs came at the

end of the innings for Durham

no give their bowlers much

Bates to square leg.

That there was any play at

bowl at him.

ed drives and pulls.

earlier in the innings, when they were shocked at the swift of the season, were both bowled driving loosely and

to reflect on any of them, but

length, it did not work. Wells

their running between the wickets descended into chaos after a fine piece of anticipa-tion by Leatherdale had led to the running out of Dakin. Nixon, Whitaker and Macmillan were subsequently also run out, all by substantial

and Smith, in his first innings

they would be wise to remember for future reference that Spiring and Solanki have fine It was Habib, who was the only man who bothered to play himself in, who gave Leicestershire something to defend with a creative, unbeaten 45 from 43 balls, with two sixes and three fours.

Once he was finally joined by Maddy, 40 runs came in 22 balls, with an over from Sheriyar costing 14 runs and another from Brinkley 17.

filling the promise he showed ed at how little of the strike he commanded towards the end of the innings. He showed the sharpness of his eye, though, by stepping across to pick up a ball well outside off stump from Sheriyar and dispatch it through wide mid on.

Worcestershire's start was

This season, Habib is ful-

not much more auspicious than that of their opponents. Moody and Hick strode out with great purpose, as though intent on scoring the runs themselves, and few would have bet against them. Yet, within four overs, both had departed to the extra bounce of Mullally, who caught Moody himself off a leading edge and saw Hick steer a cut into the hands of Johnson, thus maintaining his miserable start to the

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# Byas tilts match in Yorkshire's favour

BY MICHAEL AUSTIN

HEADINGLEY (Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire (4pts) beat Glamorgan by seven wickets (D/L method)

THE white rose bloomed beneath unremitting grey skies yesterday as David Byas, the Yorkshire captain, cast aside his modest limited-overs form with a match-winning innings of 83 in the Axa Life League.

Byas, who hit nine fours and faced 78 balls, gave Yorkshire instant impetus when chasing 193. He dominated an opening partnership of 84 in 12 overs with Michael Vaughan as Waqar Younis, Glamorgan's fast-bowling import from Pakistan, struggled on his Sunday debut. Yorkshire won with 33 balls to spare.

After dispensing with their out-grounds, apart from Scarborough, more matches will be played at this old-established arena than in living memory, and the focus at Headingley is sharper than

This pitch looked in far better shape than the dual purpose surface for the Benson and Hedges Cup game against Worcestershire and the drawn championship match against Glamorgan. It had some pace, which suited Tony Cottey, who hit six fours and two sixes from 31 balls, and offered equal encouragement for the bowlers. Except for pulling rabbits from a hat, Cottey did almost everything

Nimble-footed, he moved into position and gave himself room, ultimately perishing in the way he had flourished. moving across his stumps and being yorked by Gough. By then, Cottey had sustained his Sunday form, having made 61 in the defeat by Somerset last week. His fifth-wicket partnership of 83 in ten overs with statement after the match had been trimmed to 32 overs by a

delayed start and a rain

interruption. Croft struck 29 from Z7 balls, following the typically purposeful approach of Morris, with 32 from 34. Morris. James and Maynard all turnbled to Stemp, whose cumulative limited-overs return is 12 for 189 this season. Stemp's brief glimmer as an England prospect may have been extinguished, but his merits at county level remain undimmed. Now in his fifth summer with the county, he has emerged as Yorkshire's on June 11.

THE Royal Windsor Horse

Show Cup was contested by

the Minotaurs, who are put

together by the Swiss player.

Adriano Agosti, and Andrew

Hodgkinson's Polo Bears/-

UBS at Smith's Lawn, Wind-

sor, at the weekend. The

The Minotaurs' leading

player. Cody Forsyth, of New

Zealand, who plays off an

eight handicap, took a while to

settle into smooth partnership

with his No.2. Anthony

Fanshawe. Thus, during the

first half of this rain-sodden

match, the Polo Bears' Austra-

lian No 3. Glen Gilmore, well-

supported by William Hine at

Minotaurs won 5-3½.

most consistent early-season bowler,

Gough also had his mo-ments and fondly recalls these Sunday encounters with Glamorgan. Three years ago, he England's one-day squad by bowling Yorkshire to a ninewicket win at Cardiff. The next summer, he yorked Dale with Headingley as Yorkshire triumphed by two runs.

At 37, Hartley had a considerable input in this latest win. With Gough a near-automatic choice for England against Australia this summer, Hartley is an especially precious county commodity. Though omitted from the championship match that ended in a rain-ruined draw on Saturday, Hartley continued his upper-order batting role. this time at No 3. Statistics testify to his unsung past. Needing 25 to complete the Sunday double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets, he was dis-missed for 23 from 17 balls.

Hartley, with 164 wickets, still lurks on the brink of joining that Yorkshire elite of Chris Old, Phil Carrick and Graham Stevenson. Old remains, and will do so alone, on the pinnacle of 1,711 runs and

Even Hartley's departure did not detract from Yorkshire's advance. Vaughan, with 37 from 34 balls, had been already bowled by a ball from Parkin that kept low.

Yorkshire hurtled along at a carefree seven an over. Waqar conceding 29 from four overs while Byas thrashed six fours in a 47-ball half-century. This merry romp extended York-shire's limited-over success this season. With a place in the Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final draw beckoning, they have a first title in a

When Byas was caught at short extra cover. Yorkshire needed only 16 runs with eight overs remaining. Darren Lehmann, with three consecutive half-centuries in all competitions, completed the task with an unbeaten 33 from 21 balls.

The annual Costcutter Cup at Harrogate is also among Yorkshire's limited-overs programme. It was announced yesterday that Scotland will compete for the first time. meeting Durham on June 10. with Yorkshire playing Gloucestershire the previous day. The final will be played

**POLO** 

Minotaurs destroy Bears' myth

By JOHN WATSON

back and Tim Stakemire at

No 2. led most of the

And, with Gilmore convert-

ing a couple of well-lofted

penalty shots during the sec-

ond chukka. Polo Bears led

312-2 at treading in time (their half-goal advantage being at-

tributed to their aggregating a

team handicap of only 14 against the Minotaurs 15).

Not only Forsyth and Fanshawe, but also their

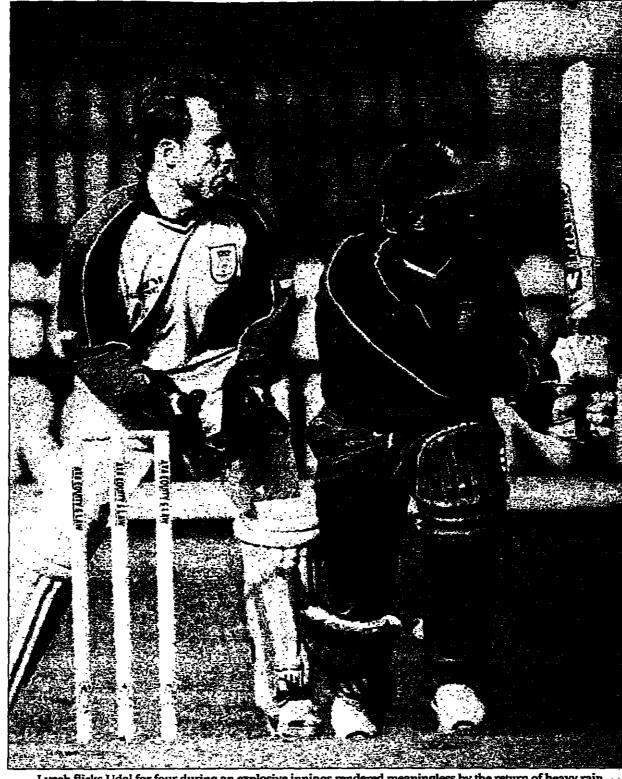
speedy No I, Luke Tomlinson.

who snapped in a couple of

goals, played in harmony during the second half of an

exciting encounter, all backing up and passing to one another

attacks.



Lynch flicks Udal for four during an explosive innings rendered meaningless by the return of heavy rain

# Alleyne welcomes team input

By James Allen

BRISTOL (Gloucestershire won toss): No result. Gloucestershire (2pts) Hampshire (2)

FOR a man coming to terms with the cares of captaincy, Mark Alleyne cut a relaxed figure. It no doubt helps that eve of the season has taken an early lead in the county championship, but it is hard to imagine the giant smile that regularly breaks across his features being banished for long, even in adversity.

It would be wrong, how-ever, to mistake such affability for a lack of determination to make the most of the opportunity that has suddenly come his way at the age of 28. He was as surprised as anyone when Jack Russell, who had been expected to stand in as captain in place of Courtney Walsh, failed to agree the terms under which he would

in copybook style. Almost

every time the Polo Bears

attacked in this second phase

of the tussie. Forsyth was there

to return the ball to their half

of the ground, thus frustrating

their attempts to regain the

The tournament for the medium-goal Royal Windsor Cup, which has attracted 17

entries and is the next item on

the Guards Club's pro-gramme, is to be played in

four leagues. That competition

Access (6) POLO BEARS/UBS: 1, A Modification (7) 2, T Statemer (4): 3, G Gilmore (6) (860) (5)

starts on May 17.

take the job. "I attended the county captains meeting in March, but I just went as a representative," Alleyne said.
"Jack was meeting the club the next day and I thought it was a question of just sorting out a few details. They did not agree and I was more than happy to accept their offer. I might have seemed a third choice, but I really don't want to look at it that way. The club have been

As the rain toyed with the Axa Life League match against Hampshire at Bristol yesterday, which was eventually abandoned after Gloucestershire's truncated innings of 139 for five off 16 overs -Alleyne outlined the way in which he aims to construct a team that is more than the

incredibly supportive."

sum of its parts. I'm not a dictator." he said. "I aim to listen and give everyone a chance to say what they want. It's important to have open discussion. I don't want anyone whingeing, because they will have had the chance to put across their point of view."

In Russell and Tony Wright, he has two experienced former captains on whom to rely for advice, but ultimately the decisions will be his alone. He greets enquiries about who picks the team with an em phatic "I do" and articulates his thoughts on how Glouces tershire can build upon their championship victory on Sat-

urday with care. "We are not the kind of team who can afford to be lazy, we must play to our full potential all the time. We are a side where nearly everybody does more than one thing, where everybody has to contribute. It's so easy on days like this," he gestures towards the covers in the middle -- "to let

things drift, but we must retain our focus." Judgments made at this time of year often need revis-

signs are encouraging. Lawrence's return has given morale a huge boost, Lynch is scoring runs freely - his undefeated 88 yesterday, made off 51 balls, was another

Shaun Young may turn out to be an inspired choice as over seas player.
"We've started like this be-

spectacular though ultimately

fore and then fallen away." Alleyne said. "The real test is keeping it going." ☐ Lawrence, whose comeback

was hampered by a sequence of muscle injuries, will not be considered for the final Benson and Hedges Cup group match against Kent today. Gloucestershire are also without Jon Lewis, another

seam bowler, who has an iniury to his bowling hand. Kamran Sheeraz, a seam bowler who did well against Somerset 2nd X1 last week

# **CYCLING**

# Feat of Clay enlivens two races

By PETER BRYAN

his time of 20min 42sec was

fastest. But still to start were

all the expected medal-win-

ners, including Rob Hayles,

the defending champion, and

Sean Yates, a Tour de France

time-trial winner in 1988 and

now retired from international

But neither Hayles nor Yates was fast enough, with the latter eventually finishing

fourth in 21min 13sec. Hayles

The early starters had the

better weather conditions; as

was two seconds slower.

JON CLAY proved a man for all seasons yesterday when he caused the time-trial upset of the year to win the British tenmile championship near Barton-on-Humber in his first attemptfor a national title against the clock. It was a championship he

did not know he had won until several hours later, unable to stay to the finish to see how he had fared against most of the expected big-hitters who had started up to two hours after the 33-year-old Leeds man. Clay, off fifteenth from a full

field of 120 dispatched at oneminute intervals, was in a hurry to get to Lincoln for the the race progressed there were

start of the city's annual 102near-gale force winds and mile grand prix road race. rain increased the danger of When he left he knew that

skidding. The Walker brothers Harry and Brian — enjoyed a family celebration, taking silver and bronze medals in close order with times of 20min 54sec and 20min 55sec. Both rode machines based on Graeme Obree's original and controversial design.

And Clay? Another fine

performance a few hours later at Lincoln, where he finished fourth to the winner. John Tanner, who took over the lead from an absent Hayles in the season-long Premier Cal-

# Drug cheats turn to insulin for improved results

John Goodbody warns of sinister use being made of treatment for diabetes

The scourge of drug-taking in British sport has returned, with fatal consequences in one

A 21-year-old bodybuilder is being treated in a Hert-fordshire hospital for severe brain damage after injecting himself with excessive amounts of insulin, the drug commonly used for the treatment of diabetes, but also described by one leading body-building magazine as the most powerful anabolic hormone on the planet."

At an Essex inquest last Thursday, on a 36-year-old fitness trainer, Gary Ken-dall. Dr Malcolm Wier, the coroner, said Kendall's through anabolic steroid abuse. In February, he had collapsed at his home in Canvey Island, screaming abuse at paramedics and police after they had broken into his home to try to save him after a heart attack triggered by a dose of

Dr Diana Cox, a patholoeist, said that the use of anabolic steroids had made his heart grow in weight to 640 grammes, twice its normal size. Dr Cox said that the veins and the arteries carrying blood to the enlarged organ had remained normal in size but this also meant that the heart was seriously undernourished.

"An enlarged heart is a form of disease," she said. "It is progressive and there is no cure. The effect of the steroids built up over the would have been at risk of a heart attack at any time."

Although anabolic steroids have been misused in sports such as athletics and American football, rugby union and cycling, for some time, insulin is a recent

Magazines and interweb use partly because insulin is not a prohibited substance and partly because there is no internationally test for its detection

Medical Journal, Drs Sarah Elkin, Sharron Brady and Isabel Williams, who have been treating the unnamed bodybuilder at Hemel Hempstead Hospital, said athletes "have been looking for alternative drugs to help them put on muscle mass and burn off fat."

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The doctors pointed out that insulin is a "P" category drug which means it can be obtained without a prescription. "We were able to buy soluble insulin over the counter without prescription or identification. We are not diabetic."

They have called on the Department of Health to review its policy on the sale of insulin. The Royal Pharmaceutical Society recently warned its members to ensure that sales are made only for the treatment of

r Rob Dawson, a GP in Tyne and Wear, has also written to the Home Office urging a change in the law. Dr Dawson, who is the medical officer for DISCUS (Drugs in Sport Clinic and User Support), set up by the North Durham Health Authority, said yesterday that "it was a serious health matter. I am aware of one traffic accident already cansed by the condition of

hypoglycaemia."

This occurs when there is abnormally low blood sugar, either because the individual has taken too much insulin or because he has insufficient carbohydrate.

Michele Verroken, head of the UK Sports Council's drugs unit, said the organisation, which spends about £1 million of taxpayers' money a year on drug education and detection, utterly deplored the misuse of a medicine in this way."

Those who misuse insulin believe it will help to drive the amino acids into the muscle cells, helping them recover more q intensive exercise and allow In a letter to the British ing muscles to grow faster.

# Poole strike back to avenge home defeat

By Tony Hoare matches but the evidence so

THE Elite League shows no sign of settling down from a topsy-turvy start to the season, far suggests they should be with a series of shock results unsettling the reputations of the favourites. For example, Bradford travelled to Poole on Wednesday and demolished the Dorset team, securing the

match with four heats left. The 53-37 defeat stunned a Poole side whose promoter had been making bold claims about winning the Elite League just a formight earlier.
Things did not improve for

Poole at Belle Vue, who coasted to a 61-29 victory against the Pirates, who could offer no resistance to the Manchester club's powerful top quartet.
Then matters took another

wist. Poole travelled across the Pennines on Saturday and struck back against the Bradford side that had embar-rassed them three days earlier. snatching a 45-44 victory. The Yorkshire dub has, historically, been near invincible around the banked Odsal track but travelled poorly. This year they signed three small-track experts for away.

displays for the defeat on Saturday was the second in Odsal. Their victory at Poole was helped by some brilliant overtaking but at home they were second best to the Pirates at

worrying about their home

the starting gate. "It was all about gating," the Bradford promoter, Allan Ham said. It was a very

disappointing night, nothing went right." Coventry went down to their

first home defeat of the season, against King's Lynn, whose guest rider, Carl Stonehewer. borrowed from Premier League Long Eaton for the night, made the difference, bearing the home No I, Greg Hancock, in the last heat. ☐ Newcastle have become the first club to be punished in the tyre-tampering row. The Speedway Control Board has docked them a point after it was revealed that Glyn Taylor had used an illegal tyre in the away draw at Edinburgh in

the Premier League Cup.

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Golf is attracting the young, particularly since the rise of Tiger Woods. Morag Preston goes to golfing school

# proved rep Lessons for those who aim to be the youngest swingers in town

chaired a board meet-ing or tasted their first gin and tonic, pint-sized youngsters are being persuaded to take to the

Encouraged by ambitious parents and guided by patient pros, the baby-faced brigade have abandoned their mudencrusted football boots in favour of what is usually regarded as a rather sophisticated sport.

A group of nervous juniors. aged between five and eight, at Foxhills in Ottershaw in Surrey last Sunday afternoon for the first of their four weekly lessons at the country club, of which the football pundit Gary Lineker

Sore-eyed from swimming and sweaty from one of the many tennis courts, eight sunburnt youngsters - known as the "Wee Wonders" - gathered at the shop before making their way to the all-weather

According to Marc Hayton, e marketing director, it makes "commercial sense" to

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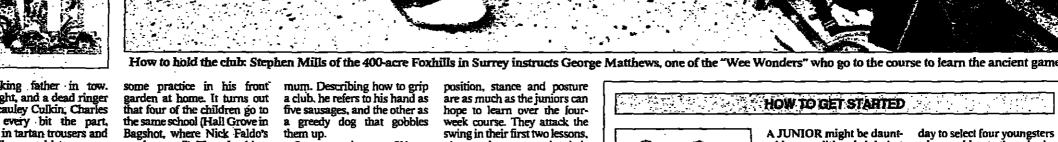


ious-looking father in tow. Aged eight, and a dead ringer for Macauley Culkin, Charles looked every bit the part, dressed in tartan trousers and a Foxhills sweatshirt.

His father, lan, who is a club member and part-time player, bellowed: "Charles has not really taken an interest in many sports — particularly contact sports — but he loves his golf." The boy now plays at least

once a week.

Next to arrive was Alex Holland, Charles's school friend, who has taken lessons at Foxhills before. Attracting envious glances for his sweatshirt emblazoned with a was the first to turn up at the wannabees), Alex announces 400-acre club, with his anxthat he has been putting in



son is a pupil). The school has a five-hole golf course, but these boys are still too young "The earlier they learn the better," says Richard Summerscales, 28, a professional at Foxhills for the past 11 years, who did not take up golf until he was 15. "Even if they can't get the correct grip, they can make a good swing. Kids are

great mimics, and are less inhibited at an early age." Allowing for their short attention span, he devises game simple, and limits his lessons to 45 minutes maximum. Describing how to grip a club, he refers to his hand as five sausages, and the other as a greedy dog that gobbles

Summerscales says: "We try not to encourage parents to watch, because we want the kids to concentrate on us. You can tell the ones who are pushed to come — they stubbornly refuse to listen."

will learn quickly. don't want to go to school at the weekend. Balance is the hig thing — golf is not down to strength. If they are naturally most immediately."

Club alignment, grip, ball

position, stance and posture are as much as the juniors can hope to learn over the fourweek course. They attack the swing in their first two lessons, play a short game in their third, and practise putting during their fourth.

At a cost of £25, the sessions which continue throughout the year, bar a few months in the winter — are almost three

times oversubscribed. "It all evolves around Tiger Woods," Summerscales says. The same thing happened when Jack Nicklaus burst on the scene - youngsters recog-

nise characters in the game."

There is usually a 3.7 split between girls and boys, but on Hayley Matthews is the only female. Bobbing gently at the knees, with her blonde ponytail in full swing, as she prepares to strike the ball, the promising left-hander has been playing since she was

"I play a lot in the summer," she says, "because it's nice and sunny and my dad takes me to the driving range. But I'm not allowed to play in the garden, so at home I just practise my

grip.
"My mum had lessons, but she doesn't really like it." Jack Taylor, a seven-year old prodigy who first picked up a club two years ago, pre-fers Foxhills to his back garden, because he keeps los-ing balls. None of his family

plays golf, but one of his more

recent Christmas presents was

Jack Taylor: child prodigy

a Lilliputian-sized golf bag

His friend Alistair Free-

mantle, also seven, whose

parents both play at the club,

saved up his pocket money to

buy a miniature wood.
"I think," says Jack, "that
Alistair might be better than
me. But if I try hard, I could

beat Tiger Woods."

years, so the Golf Foundation (01920 484044), set up to promote golf among four to 18-year-olds, subsidises 50 per cent of the cost of group ssons in 1,500 schools and colleges across the country. In association with local authorities, it also runs courses during school holidays.

HOW TO GET STARTED

A JUNIOR might be daunt-

ed by a traditional club that

has been in existence for

For the past eight years. Foxhills has hosted an open

day to select four youngsters who would not otherwise be members, to be given four years' free membership. plus weekly tuition.

Morgan Palmer, 18, one of the top amateurs in the country, is a past scholarship winner. Now that an increasing number of girls is becoming involved in the game, Foxhills also runs female-only lessons taught by Diane Bernard. a tour

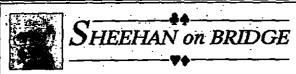
#### WHAT TO WEAR

WHEN Sylvester Stalione first played at Foxhills, the Hollywood actor-writer played with a junior putter and won his first game in a long while. Manufacturers such as Dunlop and Spalding are beginning to tap into the junior market, but

still have some way to go. Cutting down a full-sized club is an alternative. but it

will affect the weight. Youngsters are advised to master all the shots with one club, before graduating to a full set. A brand new putter will cost about £12, shoes £29, a bag £49, a trolley £29. A bag with five clubs will cost about £89. To complete

the image, Pooh Bear and Mini Mouse cover heads cost £13.50 each.



#### By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The time to double a voluntarily bid contract is when the suits break poorly for declarer. The danger is that it may give him chues as to the lie of the cards and how the hand should be played. Frequently, in match play, the results are Four Spades doubled one off at one table and Four Spades two off undoubled at the other - flat board. It can be worse, as this example shows:

Game all Dealer South **1973** 

+QJ97642



4K1093

**⊕**QJ54 Contract: Four Hearts Doubled, by South. Lead: queen of diamonds

**♦**K53

South opened One No-trump (12-14), North tried Two Clubs asking for majors, and raised South's Two Heart rebid to Four Hearts. East greedily doubled — dangerous when North might have had a hand

just short of a slam try.

Declarer won dummy's ace of diamonds and led the queen of hearts. This was covered by East and won with the ace. Declarer continued with the king of spades, which held, and another spade. East won and returned a spade. In dummy, declarer led a heart and finessed the eight. He now cashed the ace of hearts and played the queen of clubs. This lost to East but declarer made three spades, three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs for

his contract. The safety play of the eight of hearts would have been risky without the double

give East a diamond ruff.
Then East would exit with his last spade and later win the king of clubs to defeat the contract. It would have done East no good to split his heart honours because South would continue to draw trumps, losing just one spade, one heart | 20 and one club.

Match-pointed pairs

Without the double it is likely that declarer would have played a low heart from dummy at trick two, hoping to find East with the king single-ton or doubleton for a real

☐ Congratulations to my reader, Edwin Bigwood, who is 100 years old today.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

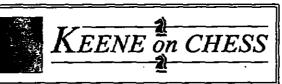
TAPPEN a. Norwegian gruel b. A bear plug c. A poliergeist

TREY a. A brown-and-white pony b. A three c. To tremble

UTRUM a. A Writ b. A small cymbal c. Coarse dregs of rum TINTO a. A parrot b. A half-caste

c Red wine

Answers on page 43



By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Brinkmanship

With one game to go in Garry Kasparov's clash against IBM's Deep Blue in New York, the score is still level. Try as he might, Kasparov could not force a victory in the fifth game.

White: Garry Kasparov Black: Deep Blue New York, May 1997 King's Indian Attack

6 d3 7 e4 850-0-0 Ng4-8 Kb8 Kb8-6 Kb8-6 Kb8-6 Kb8-6 Kb8-6 Kb8-6 Kb9-6 20 Qc2 21 Kb1 32 Re6 33 Rvg6 34 Nt 4 35 Bd5 36 Re6 37 cvb5 38 Rg6 39 Nt5

40 Nxg7 41 Kc2 42 Kc1 Fld2+ Flxe2 Nd2 Nxb3+ 45 Kb1 46 Re6 47 Re3 48 g6 49 g7 Draw agreed

Diagram of final position

In the final position Kasparov can make a new queen with 50 g8/Q, but then Black has a draw by perpetual check with .50 ... Rd1+51 Kc2 Rd2+52 Kb1

**England leads** 

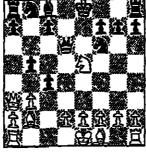
After five rounds of the European team championship at Pula, Croatia, England's men lead with 1312 points out of a possible 20, narrowly ahead of Croatia, Armenia, Russia and Hungary. In the women's event, England's 2-0 win against Hungary has pushed the team into second place behind Georgia but ahead of Greece, Hungary, Armenia, Russia and Germany.

☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Torre — Ed. Lasker, Chicago 1926. In this curious opening position the unusual juxtaposition of the queens gives Black the oppornunity for a powerful tactic. Can you see it?

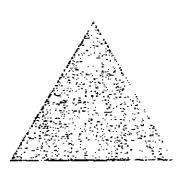




Charles Lobb, looking the part, is the first to arrive at the course as part of a youth movement that is taking a different sporting direction



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# Stransky's boot secures Pilkington Cup in scrappy final at Twickenham

# Leicester defend the right to interrupt

By DAVID HANDS

VICTORY offers some justification in itself. That is the compensation that Leicester took away on Saturday, after the first try-less cup final since 1982 and only the second in the competition's history, and Sale, their players and vociferous supporters, would have settled for that in their first appearance in a Twickenham showpiece.
But the southern hemi-

sphere players will not be quaking in their boots. They, and particularly the South Africans preparing a torrid welcome for the British Isles later this month, will hardly have recognised the stop-start game littered with pile-ups and so lacking in ambition that, at the close, even the loyal Leicester crowd failed to shake the rafters with applause as Dean Richards and John Wells, two of their most loyal clubmen, held the cup aloft.

Yet the Lions may draw some solace from the Pilkington Cup final: their six Leicester representatives survived in one piece and will tour the better for having succeeded. Not only that, the qualities that they displayed in abundance of tenacity in defence, of organisation in tight corners, will be required over and over again during their trek through South Africa.

Leicester won in the only way left to them, after their entire season threatened to come crashing about their ears during April. During that bitter month, their cohesion lapsed almost completely as their casualty list soared. The cracks remained evident when they played Sale in their final league game on May 3, so, though it may not have been entertaining for the 75,000 who withstood the strong. blustery wind and rain before the sun shone, they returned

Restarts are unromantic but Leicester were good there; the lineout was utterly dependable, never more than in the final. breathless minutes when Sale were two metres from their line and the understanding between Johnson and Richard Cockerill had to be complete. The return of Will Greenwood



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Garforth, the Leicester tight-head prop, keeps his head in the pressure of the scrum during the Pilkington Cup final. Photograph: Marc Aspland

might have signalled a reversion to an offensive strategy but, instead, he and the outstanding Stuart Potter sealed up the middle of the field. Where Jim Mallinder en-

joyed the freedom of Heywood Road a week earlier, here he was laid low; Tom Beim and David Rees flickered like candles before being snuffed out. Dewi Morris never saw the slightest chink as he foraged for ball on which Leicester hands or bodies, frequently illegally, were laid. In so close an exchange the presence of Sale's two injured forwards, John Fowler and Charlie Vyvyan, might have made a difference, even though Dave Baldwin played unremittingly

well at the lineout. But this is not, now, what the uncommitted come to see. The corporate nost es do not buzz with debate at the subtleties of drift defence. but these elements make or break games, "New Zealand,

one of the great exponents of the running game over the last three years, won three tests against South Africa without scoring a try last year," Bob Dwyer, the Leicester director of rugby, said.

"If the opposition want to stop you in the efforts you make to score a try, you take your penalties." Even then Leicester faltered. Joel Stransky kicked only three from seven attempts, Simon Mannix one from four for Sale, which is indicative of the part played by the elements. Had Stransky opened a nine-point gap with 20 min-

utes remaining, would Leicester's ambition have expanded? The South African was responsible for their best opportunity, an exquisite show of the ball leading to a support from Healey. Greenwood and Lloyd before Poole, who played the bravest of games, appeared on the Sale 22 only to be scythed down by Hadley some 12 metres short of a wonderful score. But control of a slippery

ball, in a strong wind, was never easy. Sale would have played the risk game more if they had won quicker secondphase possession, but a turnover count of 13-6 against them illustrated their difficulties and the voracious nature of the Leicester tackling. All season Sale have thrived on a game of continuity and John Milchell, their player-coach, furned at the refereeing interpretations in England that prevent it.

In that, he and Dwyer concurred. "Unless you are allowed to do something at the breakdown, it's very hard to have a spectacle," the Australian said. "You can't have an where they like." Both coaches groaned at the detritus of collapsed mauls, of the constant offside at ruck and maul.

Yet Dwyer could not find it in his heart to be critical of his weary players. "At the start of the year we would not have said that, realistically, we could expect to be the second team in Europe or the most successful team in England, which we are by a long shot, he said. "The most important thing for us now is that, with this title, we are in a position to

attract money to the club."

Leicester might have scored

a try in the opening minutes as they settled into an early stride but their timing of the pass was nowhere good enough to beat the Sale defence. Stransky's first penalty hit a post before his third, with the wind behind him, gave Leicester the lead. When Mannix hit the crossbar with dropped goal from the re-bound. Sale may have had an

inkling it was not to be their

day, but the two stand-off

haives exchanged penalties immediately before the interval, leaving the game open. A high tackle by Morris on Potter gave Stransky his third successful kick, but few would have predicted such a tense, scoreless final half-hour. No single individual could leave an imprint on the occasion. Instead, the strongest image came in the dying seconds, Johnson dominating the lineout and the Leicester pack marching its way upfield in close order, recalling those earlier days of the 1990s before

SALE: J Melinder, D Rees, J Basendell, A Hadley, T Beirn, S Mannik, D Monts; P Winstarley, S Dismond, A Smith, N Ashurst, D Erskine, D Baldum, D O'Grady, J Milchell.

Dwyer came among them. It was efficient, but it was not

# Need for reform demonstrated by game too far

hen the final whistle brought this farrago shaft of sunlight caught six Sale players in its full glare. For several seconds they re-mained motionless, as if, like Medusa's victims, they had been turned to stone. Their heads were down, their bodies

The desperation that they feit was matched only by those spectators who had gone to Twickenham in the gone to I wickential in the hope of seeing a cup final of uplifting quality, to bring a rousing end to rugby's first professional season. Was it the anticipation of a good game that created such disappoints the treated such disappoints to the control of the professional season. pointment? It was awful, quite

John Mitchell, the Sale player-coach, and Bob Dwyer, the Leicester director of rugby. were united in their criticism of the interpretation of laws to do with rucking. Both said that it was taking too long for the ball to be released, that too often players were being allowed to lie on the ball, and that the game was suffering as

"The dilemma of English rugby is that ruck ball is not quick enough," Mitchell, a former New Zealand player, said. "It is terrible that a game of such importance and com-mercial entertainment reaches a score of 9-3. It is hindering British rugby. I believe we have a side capable of playing entertaining rugby that is attractive to the commercial pound and inviting hospitality, and unfortunately we did not do it today."

Mitchell won some more Dwyer, for his part, prevari cated. He admitted being puzzled at the British interpre tation of the rucking laws, but then tried to emphasise the virtues of solid defence. "If the other team have the ball it is very difficult for us to attack," he said. This was a bit rich coming from a man who, when coach of Australia, spent some time criticising British teams for their reluctance to play attacking rugby.

This is not only the era of new Labour. The first season of new rugby has just ended. rugby any more than new be adapted for rugby sadmin-Labour is like old Labour istrators. "Gentlemen, the Rugby today, at the highest problem level is striving to present it out."

the character of the side.



At Twickenham

itself as a spectacle, worthy of investment, capable of attracting large and committed support. This much is clear. spectators will not continue to come if there are many more games like this.

Altering the rucking laws and persuading referees to administer them differently is only half of the problem. The fixture list desperately needs to be curtailed. This was Martin Johnson's 43rd game of the season, which is ten or 15 games too many. Afterwards, he looked exhausted. His eyes were sunken. Is this any state for a man to depart for a demanding tour of South Africa? The same applies to half the members of the British Isles party.

There are several battles going on in English rugby at present. The heavyweight contest is between Cliff Brittle and Tony Hallett within the Rugby Football Union, and Dick Best is at odds with some of his Harlequins players. It is to be hoped that these dis-putes will not distract administrators of new rugby from addressing the issue of the crowded fixture list. This is their chance to demonstrate that they can bring their undoubted business accumen

to bear. In golf there is a polite custom for the starter to send players from the 1st the with the words. "Gentlemen, play away please." At the and of rughy's first professional season, after a desperate cup istrators: "Gentlemen, the problem is yours. Please sort

# **Battling Bedford** expose limitations

Bedford ... ..... 12 (Bristol win 39-23 on agg)

By PECER BILLS

THE winners leapt in triumph and greeted their adoring supporters with warm handshakes, celebratory punches in the air and slaps on the back. Klaxons sounded raucously, children ran around the pitch in the wake of the

Yet Bedford did enough in this return leg of the Courage Clubs Championship play-off at the Recreation ground to suggest that Bristol will need considerable strengthening if they are not to lose their cherished place in the top flight, 12 months hence. Certainly, the England internationals. Simon Shaw and Mark Regan, are critical to their future. If both depart this

summer. Bristol will struggle. The dividing line between success and failure was again a desperately thin one in this lively encounter. As thin, in fact, as the width of a post — or a knock-on with the line open.

Bedford, inspired by the 38year-old Turner, nor only withstood Bristol's furious

# post and bounced on to the bar. Hewitt caught it and was

held up on the line. From the scrum five, Winter knockedon with Bedford looking set to add a second try, which, if converted, would have levelled the aggregate scores.

As it was. Bristol won through because of their stronger pack and Jones's shrewdness. Rollitt picked up from a scrum nine minutes after halftime and sent Corry over and Burke, although erratic with his kicking, soon added a penalty for an 11-5 lead.

Bedford responded by pounding the Bristol line, a sustained spell of pressure which ended with the veteran Probyn driving over. Rayer's conversion edged the Midland club ahead at 12-11. Suddenly, the £50,000 bet of their chairman. Frank Warren, that they would clinch promotion was

alive once more. But Bedford, always under pressure in the front five. began to make errors. Paramore was isolated and penalised for not releasing. giving Burke a 68th-minute penalty which he landed for a 14-12 advantage. Another mistake, a poor pass by Whet-stone, gave Maggs a simple try just before the end.

withstood Bristol's furious opening but responded to Burke's early penalty with an outstanding try. Hewitt was worked free down the right from a tap penalty and Matchett, up in support, ran through two tackles to score. A decisive moment in the heavy conditions came after 28 minutes, with Bedford still holding their 5-3 lead. Rayer's Government of Section 19 March 19 Wireles 19 Penalty attempt hit a section (Lospool)

London Irish ...... Coventry ..... (London Irish win

Spirit of the Irish

42-23 on agg) By DAVID HANDS

COVENTRY'S dream of joining English rugby's elite for the first time since 1988 was blown to the four winds at Sunbury yesterday. A London Irish display in the second leg of the promotion play-offs full of passion and no little skill ensured their survival in the first division of the Courage Clubs Championship, with an aggregate score of 42-23, though they will surely need to recruit to remain there.

The Midland club, relegated after the inaugural season of league rugby, gave themselves hope of promotion by winning the first leg by two points at Coundon Road on Wednesday. But the Irish won the toss, took the strong wind and within seven minutes that slight advantage had been wiped out. By half-time Coventry trailed 23-0 and showed little sign of the recovery they required in the final 40 minutes of the season.

The blustery wind was the vital ingredient of this match and the Irish harnessed it superbly, no one better than David Humphreys, their international stand-off half. Not only did he orchestrate a sustained offensive which flagged only when Halpin, their captain, left the field in the closing stages, but he kicked his goals on a day when fine judgment was required to find the posts.

#### ensures survival He also snatched a vital try at the start of the second half to ensure any revival was stillborn. He was helped by a

commanding display from the two international locks, Fulcher and Davidson, that left Coventry scrambling for possession and struggling for control of whatever ball they

Only a couple of times in the first half, mainly through Horrobin, did Coventry win their way to the Irish 22: for the rest it was grim defence which still failed to contain the powerful runs of Burns O'Shea. Humphreys opened with two penalties and the conversion of Halpin's try: Harris, in stark contrast, missed his only penalty opportunity.

When O'Shea, who paved the way for Halpin's try, performed the same service for Woods. Humphreys embellished the lead and Coventry's frustration became all

too apparent. Only in the final minutes did Coventry find space for their backs and Robinson cut back against the defence for a try that scarcely even ranked as consolation.

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# Melrose complete grand slam

Boroughmuir ......23

By MARK SOUSTER

IT IS a moot point how one judges perfection but, by any interpretation, Melrose must have come close to it this season. Not always in the manner of their performance the defeat of Boroughmuir at Murrayfield on Saturday was a case in point - but more

in what they have achieved. Four competitions, four triumphs, an unprecedented domestic grand slam which includes an unblemished record in the Tennents Premiership, and now success in the SRU Tennents Cup, to cap it all. Whatever their fate because of circumstances beyand their control — the switch in emphasis from club to district rugby in Scotland -Melrose's place in the record books is assured for posterity.

end of an era, it is a fitting way Rob Moffat, the coach, said, to be remembered.

That Melrose won the cup

with a less than consummate performance was the result of Boroughmuir's resilience, their own lack of intense rugby in recent weeks and an eddying wind, but when it mattered in the second half, as

which has sustained them in times of difficulty, shone through. The first half was a staccato affair as Boroughmuir lived offside while Metrose continually killed the ball, spoiling

tactics upon which Eddie

Redpath, the Melrose captain, lifts the Tennents Cup

# If, as seems likely, this is the Newport earn salvation

Cardiff......11

BY GERALD DAVIES

THE constitution of the Welsh League first division next season was finally determined on Saturday. Ebbw Vale had confirmed their inclusion carlier in the week, but the fate of both Newport and Neath still hung in the balance and, indeed, was not entirely left in their hands, as Dunvant had a say in matters, too.

in the event, even though Dunvant did win, so did Neath and Newport, ensuring therefore that, after many a nerve-racking moment, it would be the two of them who remained in the first division. So, with a first division reduced to eight clubs next year. there is an even distribution along the M4 corridor of clubs in the higher echelon of the Welsh game.

There was a tense atmosphere at Rodney Parade but. once the home team had shown their hunger for victory, and began driving forward with urgency and purpose against their great rivals, the spectators soon

forgot their anxieties and roared their approval. The threat of relegation clearly brought out the best in them.

The cold wind and heavy showers, which left a lot of surface water, ruled out any clever attempts at sleight of hand. However, it was a tough and absorbing match nonetheless. The fact that the manof-the-match award was given to the entire Newport pack perhaps best sums up the match as a whole.

Newport, having earned their survival, can look forward to making a greater impression on the playing field from now on. Although Jarvis was off target with his penalty attempts on Saturday, he still managed to succeed with a couple before the interval. But it was tries that the home team craved.

They scored two in the first half. Twice the scrum was swivelled near Cardiff's line and this led to Newport being awarded a penalty. Lloyd tapped it himself and ran in

for the score. The second touchdown owed everything to powerful drives from Taylor, Goodey and lan Jones which paved the way for Machacek's first try.

He scored his second three minutes after the interval. Not only did Newport control the scrums, but they also gave their opponents an awkward time in all aspects of the

game. It was, therefore, a

surprise when Cardiff man-

aged to turn the tables to win a

pushover try, awarded to

Owain Williams. But in the last quarter, Lloyd and Colderley marshalled the elements to their advantage. Time and again they ensured that the visitors were pinned back, as their kicks put the ball skidding into the corners. Cardiff could not loosen this grip and, inevitably, more points came Newport's way. Simon Davies

kicked a penalty and Burn ran

in his team's fourth try. SCORERS: Newyort: Tries: Machecele (2). Lloyd. Burn. Penelly goet: S Device. Candiff: Try: Williams. Penelly goets: Jesus (3).

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clamped down. The Melrose forwards finally gained the upper hand and, aided and abetted by a masterly kicking performance from Craig Chaimers at stand-off half, Boroughmuir, who felt keenly the loss of the influentia Ronnie Kirkpatrick, the openside flanker, on the hour, were pinned deep inside their own

territory for much of the second half. The siege could not be. raised, the pressure was relentless and there was an inevitability about the out come which denied Sean Lineen, at 35, a fairy-tale ending to his career. Three of their four tries were scored after half-time, two by Rowen Shepherd, whose place-kicking was poor, to complete his hat-trick, and one from Mark Moncrieff in the 41st minute.

Moffat, who is leaving to become coach to the Scottish Borders district, does not believe that Melrose will with er and die, even though large chunks of the side are following him. "In a way it is good for the club that things move on It is healthy. I wish the club all the best. I am sure it will go from strength to strength. Today we played fairly well in the second half. We dug in and got a lot better. The club can take a lot of satisfaction from this season. The quality of our rugby has moved on, at times this year we have played some cracking

ugby." For their part, Boroughmuir can take credit from a season which began fitfully, as eight new players took time to integrate into the team, but ended on a relative high. although the ultimate prize eluded them. Henry Edwards. the club coach who is also departing to become the assistant to the Edinburgh district. said: "We are a young team. but if we can learn from today then it has been worthwhile."

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# Fijians add welcome colour to Caldy

THE Caldy Sevens is one of those events whose prestige and significance transcend its relatively humble origins. Caldy rugby club ply their trade in the lower reaches of the Northern leagues, yet in recent years their annual sevens festival has attracted some of the best players in the world, and the 1997 event on Saturday

The festival is made up of two tournaments: the 54-year-old Merseyside Sevens, played between local junior clubs. and the Invitation Sevens, which is now in its eighth year and features senior clubs from throughout the country together with select international teams. In truth, the invitation event this year

was severely compromised by the exacting demands of the first season of professional rugby. Nevertheless, those most Corinthian of amateurs, the Fijians. were there in all their pomp, and it is hoped that next year, when things have settled down a little, a full complement of top teams will return to contest the

As it was, only Orrell, the winners last year, were able to provide opposition for the world sevens champions, playing them over two legs for the invitation Trophy, believed to be the tallest trophy in English rughy. The Finan team, however, had too much class and won the event for

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DULUTH, Georgia: BollSouth Adams Classic: Loaders after three rounds (Unicd States unless stated) 205: McCaron 70: 69 65; 70 Dural 65: 65; 73 207: D Torns 69: 68: 70 206: W Glasson 69 207: 60 Note: Caron 65: 67 70 69, N Price (Zim) 66, 67, 75 209; 6 Hkminger 70, 71, 68, A Magee 70, 71, 68; Janzen 69, 70, 70, 210; K Gibson 73, 68 08, R Esies 68, 74, 68, G Day 69, 72, 69; Jarren 69, 70, 70 2 tit. K obsol 72, 69, 68, R Esies 68, 74, 68, G Day 69, 72, 68, 70 J Has 68, 71, 71, D Hart 69, 69, 72, 68, 70 J Has 68, 71, 71, D Hart 69, 69, 72, 6, Norman (Aus) 70, 57, 73, 211; H Sutton 69, 74, 68; D Pooley 64, 70, 77, 212, J D Blake 72, 71, 69, B Chambloo 75, 68, 69, k Sutherland 77, 17, 70, R Hosther 70, 72, 70, N Lancaster 73, 68, 71; S Pate 71, 69, 72, C Bowderi 69, 70, 73, T Permos 70, 69, 73 OLD HICKORY, Tennessee: LPGA Sona Lee Classic: Leaders effer two rounds (United States unitess Staleoft); 138; K Robbins 70, 66, 137; C Figg-Cumer 71, 66, T-J Myers 70, 67, 139; K Salor 70, 69, M McSann 69, 70, J Pers 69, 70, N Harvey (Lan) 67, 72, 140; A Dibos (Spi 72, 68, S Tumer 71, 69). Elogyleting 71, 69, A Bent 71, 69. C Manthrew (Swo) 70, 70, J Lubback (Part) 69, 71; H Althredson (Swe) 86, 74 Other European source: 141; C Hj Koch (Swe) 74, 67, 142; S Crock (II) 71, 71, 145; Eloghoft (Swe) 74, 71 C Soriansiam (Swe) 73, 72, 148; P Johnson (CS) 74, 72, L Haddery (CS); 73, 75, S Shoutherk (GS), 71, 75

#### **GYMNASTICS**

GUILDFORD: British women's championship: Seniors: 1. L. Mason (Hurthrodon)
36 700015. 2. A Reedis (Basadon) 36 150
3. G. Culf (Heathrow) 34 775. 4. G. Fuchs,
(Harrow) 34 287. 5. J. Cox. (Heathrow)
33 825. 6. P. Thomas (Basadon) 33 475. 1213cc. 1. h. Lannon (Leathrohod) and
Dorking). 34 400pts. 2. J. Eaton
(Leathrafhead and Dorking). 33 125. 3. S.
Home (Wessen). 32 950. 4. R. Folk, (N. Ire).
32 950. 5. V. Salom, (Adentrood). 32 000. 6.
equal. C. Gilbert (Basadon). and B. Bagge.
(Pinesocol). 32 275. Jurifors: 1. M. Wilcox,
Bristol. 35 262pts. 2. H. Mardooth (N. Ire).
34 762, 3. E. Wilsons (Liverpool). 32 897. 4.
A. Burhe. (Sarstang). 31 662, 5. S. Gnoce
(Liverpool). 30 637. 6. h. Featherstone
(Liverpool). 30 450. HOCKEY

HA CUP: Reading 1 Teddington 2 HA TROPHY: Final: De Montfort Univ (Bedford) 0 West Herto 4 VETERANS' CUP: Sharks (Midlands) 6 Bishop's Stortford 2

susingstoke 1 SCOTTISH MEN'S CUP: Final: MIM 0 DT Gordonum: 2

SCOTTISH MEN'S CUP: Final: MIM 0 DT Gordonans 2. AEWHA CUP: Semi-finals: Doncastor 0 Hightonin 2. Iponich 2 Cition 4. AEWHA PLATE: Semi-finals: Donffield 2 Camborley 2 (Driffield win 4-3 on penalty strokes), Poynton 2 Learninster 0 SCOTTISH WOMEN'S CUP: Final: Edinburgh Ladies 2 Grove 1 MILTON (CPNIES: English women's under-19 club championship: Bradford 0 Haneston Magnes 0, Ofton WW 4 Portshead Protrands 1: Hartiston 2 East Grinstead 0, Portshead 3: Hartiston 2 East Grinstead 0, Portshead 1 Hartisoton 1, Bradford 3 East Grinstead 1, Hartisoton 1, Bradford 3 East Grinstead 1, Hartisoton 0, Bradford 3 East Grinstead 1, Hartisoton 1, Bradford 3 East Grinstead 1, Hartisoton 1, Cition 4 Bradford 1 Final positions: 1, Ofton 12pt: 2, Portishead 7; 3, Herkeslan 5, 4, Bradford 4, 6, Grinstead 7

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL) Ptay-offs: Semi-finaris: Eastern Conference: Bullata 5 Philadelpha 4 (07, Philadelpha Isad best-of-seven series 3-1). Western Conference: Colorado 3 Edmonton 2 (07, Colorado lead bost-of-seven series 3-1)

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: At Helsinki: Championship group: Finland 2 Unlead Statos û Third-place play-off: Czech Republic, 4 Russia 3 Final, first leg: Canada 2 Sweden 3 Al Tempere: Relega-tion group: Latva 5 Slovakia 4, žaly 8 France 1

CSTEND: European champlonships livered results; Men: Under 60kg: Thirdplace play-oft: G Grovinazzo (II) bi J Johnson (GR) Final: R Mamedov (Gela) bi Y Douma (Fr) Under 65kg: Third-place play-oft: J Dans (GR) bi G Bengtsson (Sm) Final: H Cocan (Tu) bi G Revaccinshi (Geo) Under 71kg: Thirdplace play-oft: D Fingston (GR) bi G Bende Play-oft: D Fingston (GR) bi G Bende Play-oft: D Fingston (GR) bi G Bende Play-oft: D Fingston (GR) bi G Lans (GR) bi G Lemans (Fr) Under 85kg: Final: M Huzonga (Hott) bi S Nisschin (Austria) Under 95kg: Final: M Sommemans (Hott) bi G Lemans (Fr) Over 95kg: S Tatacogia (Fur) bi D van dor Gesel (Hott) Open: Final: H van Bameurid (Bol) bi V Hever (Gen Woment Under 48kg: Semilinat: A Gradante (II) bi J Heron (GR) Third-place play-oft: T Moslewin (Bol) bi V Heron Final: S Melour (Fr) bi Gradante. Under 52kg: Final: I Cement (Be) bi E Kantshara (Bel) bi I Fernandez (Sp). Under 61kg: Third-place play-oft: Tokar: (Pol) bi K Vernerova (Cr) Under 65kg: Third-place play-oft: N Hover (GR) bi N Opmenova (Cr) Under 72kg. Semi-linat: Coven (GR) bi S Rechter (Form Final: U Mostrouck (Bel) bi Coven Over 72kg: Semi-linat: M Hogers (GR) bi B Mal-symow (Pol) bi F Harleveld (Hott)

MOTORCYCLING

**ICE HOCKEY** 

#### JUDO

FOR THE RECORD

MOTORCYCLING

SMETTERTON: British superbike champlorship: Third round: First race [18 laps, 35.14 miles]: 1, N Mackersile (Cadburys Boost Yarnsha) 20min 45,073se; 2, G Walker (Cadburys Boost Yarnsha) 20.57.269; 3, M Futter (V and M Honda RC45) 20.57.559; 4, M Lewellyn (Crescent Suzuki) 21.05.30; 5, J Moodie (Crescent Suzuki) 21.05.30; 5, J Moodie (Crescent Suzuki) 21.05.30; 5, J Moodie (Crescent Suzuki) 21.05.40; 4, M Lewellyn (Crescent Suzuki) 21.05.40; 5, S Emmett (CSE Ducah) 17.47.584; 3, Lewellyn (Tr.2.519; 4, Moodie 17:43.943; 5, S Emmett (CSE Ducah) 17.48, 337. Lesding champsotship positions: Riders: 1, Mackersoe 122pts; 2, Walker 103, 3, J Raynolds ((Ducah) 73; 4, Emmett 69; 5, Moodie 64, Maradischurens: 1, Yarnahs 1410ts, 2, Ducati 101; 3, Kawasaki 79; 4, Suzuki 71; 5, Honda 48 Teems: 1, Cadburys Boost Yarnaha 225pts, 2, Crescent Suzuki 122; 3, Red Bult Ducah 105, Shell Advance 125co British Champsonship: Third round (12 laps): 1, P Robuston (Honda) 17:55.990, 3, S Patrickson (Honda) 17:56.825 Fourth round (12 laps): 1, D Barton (Honda) 17:55.900, 3, S Patrickson (Honda) 17:55.800, 3, F Mandes (Honda) 12:53.900, 3, S Patrickson (Honda) 17:55.800, 3, S Patrickson (Honda) 17:56.825 Fourth round (20 laps): 1, M Coales, (Honda) 25:38.19 Leading champsionship positions: 1, Mandes 70pts, 2, Owens 52, 3, Barton 51 Shell Advance 250cc British champlenship Fourth round (20 laps): 1, M Coales, (Honda) 25:38.19 Leading champsionship Third round (18 laps): 1, D Thomas (Honda) 22mm 03.803es; 2, J Moodie (Suzuki) 22mm 03.803es; 2, J Moodie (Suzuki) 22mm 03.803es; 2, J Moodie (Suzuki) 17.10mm 48, 2, Heal 41; 3, J Simpson (Honda) 36.

#### MOTOR RALLYING

MANX RALLY: 1, J McRae and R Arthur MG Metro 674) Ith 50min 15set; 2, B Lyall and J Bennie (Subaru Impreza 55) 150 18: 3, S Hall and J Rabbeti (Misubish Lancer) 1:51:05, 4, J Price and B Sturnock MG Metro 674) 151:35, 5, K McKinstry and R Philipoti (Porsiche 911) 1:52:53; 6, S Harron and P McCrea (Subaru Legacy) 1:53:99, 7, M Grierson and S Menry (Subaru Impreza) 1:53:50; 8, N Worswick and C Molynsia, (Ford Sierra Cosworth) 1:54:09; 9, R Duckworth and M Broomfield (Subaru Impreza) 1:54:19: 10, S Smith and J Mason (Lanca Delta Int) 1:55:31

#### REAL TENNIS

HOLYPORT: Potterton British professional singles championship; Second round: M Gooding bt M Ryan 6-4, 6-4, 6-2, R Gunn bt C Swallow 6-1, 6-0, 6-4; P Tabley bt K lung 6-0, 6-0, 6-2; N Wood bt H Latham 6-2, to Committee 1, 50, 54, 1 (accept of king 6-0, 6-0, 6-2, NWood til Histham 6-2, 6-1, 6-3, C Bray bt S Vinggena 6-4, 8-0, 6-2, J Male til D, Jones 6-2, 6-0, 6-2, J Howell bt S Brookenshew 6-0, 8-0, 8-1, 1 Deuchar bt M Seigneur 6-1, 6-0, 6-1, Couarter-Instats Gooding bt Gunn 6-3, 6-1, 5-0, 6-1, Wood bt Tabley 6-4, 3-6, 8-5, 8-4, Male bt Bray 6-4, 3-6, 4-6, 6-8, 6-8, Deuchar bt Howell 6-3, 6-4, 6-5. Semi-finals:

Gooding by Wood 6-4, 0-6, 3-6, 6-2, 6-1. Deuchar by Male 6-4, 1-6, 6-2, 1-6, 6-1. SHOOTING

BISLEY: English VIII club meeting (1,000, 1,100 and 1,200 yards): Lord Cothesion's Cupt. 1, J Carmichael S99pts; 2, J Bridger 395; 3, D Friend 394, Sooffish VIII Cupt. 1, W Shamten 389pts; 2, J McAllister 388; 3, H Hutter 381. The Weish Cupt. 1, P Gray 373cts; 2, N Bartest 372; 3, I Brister 371. Setundey aggregate: 1, A Carylli-Thompson 204ter; 2, K Picher 203, 3, Sharman 203 Sundary aggregate: 1, Carmichael 200pts; 2, C O'Brien 198; 3, Sharman 196. 1, 200 yerds aggregate: 1, Friend 123pts. 200ps; 2, C O Brillian 198; 3, Sherman 196; 1,200 yerds accorganier: 1, Frieral 1220ps, 2, R Meldhum 121; 3, Sharmen 196, Bisley King George V Challenge Cup (Erglish Coursy Chempionship): Southern healt 1, Berkshire 1,122pts; 2, London 1,115; 3, Hampshire 1,098, East Anglis healt 1, Nordek 1,133pts, 2, Herdordense 1,122; 3, Suffok 1,119, Home Counties healt 1, 1,094.

SNOOKER

DR MARTENS EUROPEAN LEAGUE: R O'Sultwan (Eng.) br J White (Eng.) 7-1; J Parrott (Eng.) drew with White 4-4. **SPEEDWAY** 

BLITE LEAGUE: Belle Vue 61 Poole 29; Peterborough 50 Coverity 40; Bradford 44 Poole 45; Coverity 42 King's Lynn 48. Poetponed: Eastbourne v Swindon Postponed: Eastbourne v Swindon
PREMER LEAGUE: Arena Essex 51
Newport 38.
PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Edinburgh 55
Sheffled 55: Oxford 53 Huil 37. Postponed:
Benwick v Newcosile: Skegness v Oxford;
Skegness v Readung: Glesgow v Edinburgh; Newcasile v Berwick.
AMATEUR LEAGUE: Belle Vue 36 Wolverhampton and Long Eston 40, Peterborough
52 Buston 26, Buston 48 Lathalian 23.
CHALLENGE MATCH; Newport 60 Premier
League All-Stars 30.

SQUASH

LAS VEGAS: Women's open tournament:
Ouerter-finales: S. Fitz-Gerald (Aus.) br. R
Grinham (Aus.) 9.2.9.5.90.7 (Weeks (Aus)
tot K Major (Aus.) 9.7.9.2.6.9, 9.7.7 R Macree
(Eng) tot T Shenton (Eng) 11.9.9.1, 9.6.9.7.
E iving (Aus.) 14.1 van Hoom (Holl) 9.3.9.6.
9.2 Senni-finales: Fitz-Garald to Weeks 9.4.
9.0, 9.5; Irving to Macree 9.0, 7.9, 9.0, 9.1
NOTTINGSHAM: Prince mational club
champiorshipes: Merc. Senti-finales: Coleis
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first: Ryan br Meddings 9-1, 9-0, 9-1
Beachill br Gunter 9-1, 9-3, 9-4, Hornoby br
Owen 9-3, 9-7, 9-4; Gurrey lost to Thomson
7-9, 1-9, 1-9; Doncien lost to Pearman 9-2,
5-9, 1-9, 2-9; Women: Semi-firets; Pontetred 4 Resqueris Cuto (Buckinghemetrico) 15
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(Decon-Solent 4 Nothingham J (Lee-on-Solent 4 Noth Preliamon 9.4, 9-0, 9-0, 3 Institute 10 M Davids Principas 9-4, 9-2, 9-0, 1 Tower to M Davids Principas 9-4, 9-2, 9-0, 9-3, 7 Staughter to H Blewitt 9-0, 9-0, 9-0, Final: Lee-on-Solerit A Portetract 1 (Lee-on-Solerit names first Cherman bri Thacker 9-1, 9-4, 9-5; Shartion bt Behweght 19-4, 9-4, 9-7; Tweedle bt Allison 9-1, 10-9, 9-5; Tower the Teptas '9-4, 9-1, 9-0, 9-5; Tower that 10-8, 2-8, 8-10, standard 10-8, s 9-5: Tower of Topuss
Staughter loss to Beaumont 10-8, 2-9, 8-10,
2-9) Mitted Junions: Final: Porticinat 4
Wyoffle School 1 (Ponteltract nemes first P
Homsby bt A Stait 7-9, 3-9, 9-3, 9-3, 10-8; N
Guney bt D May 10-9, 1-9, 8-7, 9-4; J
Wilstrop bt I Cornes 9-7, 3-1, 9-5; L Dedo
lost to E Morgans 0-9, 3-9, 0-9; fifth string a
Pontetract walkover)

**TABLE TENNIS** 

BATH: Yasaka international grand prict Finals: Men: A Cooke (Derbyshire) bt N Mason (Susset) 21-16, 21-8 Women: N Owolabi (Middlesex) bt 5 Coller (Berkshire)

21-17, 23-21

TENNIS

HAMBURIG: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: A Medivedev (Ukr) bit Y kaleinkov (Puss) 6-3, 6-1; F Mertillo (Sp) bit T Hass (Sq) 4-8, 6-3, 6-4; Final: Medivedev bit Marrista 6-0, 6-4, 6-2.

4-6, 6-4, Stotlenberg bt Vari Herch 6-3, 6-3.

ROME: Women's bournament Countarfinet: P. Schryder (Switz) bt A Sancha:
Vicano (Sp) 6-1, 3-1, Semi-finets: M Perce
(Fi) bt B Paulus (Austral 4-6, 6-3, 6-1; C
Marinaz (Sp) bt Schryder 6-2, 6-2 FinatPerce bt Marinaz 8-4, 6-0

LES-ON-SOLENT: LTA epring satelihier
tournament: Ment: Semi-finats: A
Belobragia: (Aus.) bt R Gilbert (Fr) 7-6, 6-0-1
Weinzzert (Garl bt J Chauvor (Fr) 4-0 ret.
Finat: Belobragia: bt Wenzzert 6-4, 6-2
Women: Finat: J Steck, (SA) bt M Lamarre
(Fr) 6-3, 6-7

(Fr) 6-3, 6-2
ATP RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US)
5, 18pts, 2, M Chang (US) 3,704; 3, T
Muster (Austria) 3,254, 4, Y kefelnikov
(Fuss) 3,023; 5, R krancek (Holf) 2,885; 6, G
kranseave (Cro) 2,710, 7, M Rios (Chile)
2,240, 8, T Enginss (Swe) 2,178, 9, C Moyè
(Sp) 2,154; 10, W Ferreira (SA) 1,935; 11, A
Correte (Sp) 1,825; 12, A Coata (Sp) 1,855,
13, B Sector (Ge) 1,754, 14, T Martin (US)
1,673; 15, F Manthia (Sp) 1,837, 16, T
Henman (GB) 1,546.

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#### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

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Salloid Reds: Tries: Forber McAron Sinl, Watson Goals Statele, 2 Leeds Rhinos, Tries: Hassan 2 Stating 2, Harris, Shar-ridan, Goals, Harris 2, Hatrord Dropped goal; Holloyd Att 3,921

Shelileid Eagles: Thes: Eroadbent, Garcia. Stott. Goal: Aston Oldham Bears: Tries: Abram, Hill, Jones Leuila, Goat Goodwin

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Wigan Warriors 38 London Broncos 10 PW D L F A Pts
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First division 31 Whitehwen Devisionry Barns: Tries: Construct D. Deon Monte, Patrictor Goals: Each 5 Dropped goal: Fatting Whitehaver Hose Goals: Hetherogich 4 Am 220 Reightey Cougans: Tries: Owen 2. Colorley, Eyes, Pago Paulo-Courter Goster Iveng 5. Featherstate Rovers: Tries: Stater 2. Markey, Summers: Goals: Fox 7. Alt. 2.647

12 Huddersfield 30 Widnes Wings, Tries: Lone Vinc. Goals Long 2 Huddersfield Grants, Trees: Possel 2 Batton, Hanger Keng, Wilson, Goals: Covering 2 Winston, Alt. 1989

18 Hull Workington Town: Tries: Campbell 2, Baldon, Fatnovna, Goal: Bethware Hull: Tries: Valvona 3, Donohue Holmas Goals: Hewrit 7 Alb 1,461 Huddersheld Wakefield keightey Whitehaven Dewsbury Featherstone Hull kR Swinton Workingson Wildnes

Second division 0 Bramley Doncaster Bramley: Tries: Cool 3. A Gibbons 2 Gibson Hinchclitte Pickles Goals: Pickles 4 Alt: 527 Prescot Panthers: Try: Barber Goal; Thorburn Carlisle Border Ralders: Tries: G Ruddy, Holt, Mambora, Mendes, Rhodes, Ruchardson Goals: Richardson 5 Alt: 183 44 Batley

Rochdale Homets: Tries: Pactmuk 3 Bunce 2 Gartland, Mornson, Goals: Gartland a Batley Bulkloge: Tries: Appleby 2, Walker Att 864 10 Hunslet York Wasps: Try: Walsh Goals: Green 3 Hurslet Hawks: Tres: Baker 3, Pactray 2 Goal: Mansson Att: 787 FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT: Lancashire Lynx Centurions 14

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ALLIANCE CHAMPIONSHIP, Hull Kingston Rovers 35 Castleford 16 Safford 12 Leeds 54 NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Pre-mer division: West Half 29 Weam St Pamel 58 Weedson 19 Dodley Hill 31 First division: 84 Jan 46 Tranhalf 22 Second division: Yark Accum (0) Starlaugh 26

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE (APL) Mark-Warmspath 26 Gold Coast Chargers 26 Parametra 25 Bathaun 14 Plantana Steel-sin 2 Western Schutze, 6 South Cueons-und Chathers 22 North Sidney 36



Mary Pierce, of France, returns the ball during her victory over Conchita Martinez, of Spain, in the final of the Italian Open yesterday. Martinez's defeat ended her run of 24 consecutive wins at the Foro Italico

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Track and field

GATESHEAD: North East Championships: Men: 100m: J Deepon (Morpeth)
11 18ee 400m: Deapon (Morpeth)
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1,500m: M Openshaw (Chaster-le-Street)
3min 50 38ee: 110m hundes: S McAree
(Newhan and Espex Beagles) 15 08ee.
Pole veuit: 9 Hunter (Sateshead) 3 40m.
Triple jump: A Walker (Army) 15 05m. Shot:
P Coringen (Gateshead) 13,34m. Discus: P
Read (Morpeth) 51 82m. Women: 200m: D
Ken (Jamow and Hebbum) 25,35sec.
800m: D Heneghen (Morpeth) 2mm
11 20eec. 100m hundles: K Crowther
(Middlesbrough and Cloreland) 14,67m.
120ec. 100m hundles: K Crowther
(Middlesbrough and Cloreland) 14,67m.
Sheids Poly) 34,65m.
WiMBLEDON PARK: Surrey Championships: Men: 200m: J Lwingsion (Shallesbury Bernel) 21 9sec 800m: B Witchalls
(Dorking and Mole Valkey) 1mm 56 0sec
1,500m: J Beerale (Kingston and Poly)
3min 57 6sec. 5,000m: P Hayward
(Crawley) 14min 33 3sec. 3,000m steeplechase: J Harvey (Walton) 10min 00.2sec.
110m hundles: C Alen (Hero Hell) 15,1sec.
400m hundles: C Alen (Hero Hell) 15,1sec. Track and field

800m: J Mitchell (Croydon) 2mn 06 2sec 1,500m: Z Hyde (Woking) 4min 26 9sec 3,000m: C Paucers (Herne Hill) 9mn 55 3sec, 100m hurdles: O Burke (Croydon) 14.5sec 400m hurdles: Is Norman (Walton) 14. Sec. 400m hundles; ix Norman (watton)
26. Sec. High jump: D Mikenvirule (Essex
Ladies) 1 63m Pole vault L Schramm
(Epsom and Ewell) 6.15m Discus;
5 Drew (Sutton) 63 52m. Herminer. J Smith
Mindsor. Slough and Eleol) 42 29m
(champoorship record), Javelin: L Cook.
(Croydon) 40.68m. (disamponship record), Javelin: L Cook.
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(Winners and British: Mem: 200m: Fredericks (Mam) 19 90sec 600m: D Komen
(Ken) 13mm 46,98sec 5,000m: D Komen
(Ken) 13mm 03,51sec Pole vault: 5 Hulman
(LS) 5,60m. Long igamp: J Becklerd (Jam)
8,20m. Javelin: J Zelezny (Cz) 58,38m.
(L7) 58c.
(L7) 5000m: Ver Li (Crine) 17mh
17 (2sec 400m hardles: D Hernmang
(Jam) 5,36s. High jump: S Kostadinove
(Bul) 2,02m. Triple jump: 1, 5 Asspartove
(Cz) 14,72; 2, A Hansen (GB) 14,47.

Road gamping.

Road running . KINGSTON: Counte Hill five miles: 1, G Staines (Belgrave) 24min 04sec (course record); 2, 5 Fairbrother (Bodhill Racers) 2448; 3, L Zone, (Hercules Winbledon) 25:55. Women: 1, J Kiplino (Ken) 26min 43sec (cpurse tepord); 2, M Jones (Horou les Wimbledon) 30:09; 3, J Davies (Epson

EASEAL SALE

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Taxas 5
Boston 1; Cleveland 5 Deroti 0; Seatile 8
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Yankees 5 (12nms); Chicago White Sox 3
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4. Toronto 4 Minnesota 1 Saturday: Teads
11 Boston 5 Detroti 6 Cleveland 0; Seatile 3
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Kansas Cty 2; Milwankee 4 Anahem 3
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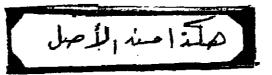
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It was precisely for that reason

that the Court had repeatedly

stressed in its line of authorities

involving extradition, expulsion or

deportation of individuals to third

countries that article 3 prohibited

in absolute terms torture or in-

human or degrading treatment or

punishment and that its guar-antees applied irrespective of the

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most recently. Ahmed v Austria December 17, 1996 (Reports of

Judgments and Decisions 1996, paragraph 38): Chahal v United

28, 1996; Reports of Judgments and Decisions 1996, paragraphs 73 to

While contracting states might justifiably administer severe sen-tences to drug traffickers, includ-

ing the expulsion of alien drug couriers like the applicant, the

absolute nature of the prohibition contained in article 3 nevertheless

had to be respected when a state had recourse to expulsion.

that the guarantees contained in

article 3 applied irrespective of the gravity of the offence which the

applicant had committed and as he had been within the jurisdiction of

the United Kingdom since January 21, 1993 the authorities had to

secure to him those guarantees regardless of whether he had ever

atered the country in the technical

The court noted that that prin-

ciple had so far been applied in contexts in which the risk to the

individual of being subjected to any of the forms of treatment

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Applying its established case

to the facts, the Court noted

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D v United Kingdom (Case No 146/1996/767/964)

Before R. Ryssdal, President and Judges C. Russo, A. Spicimann, J. De Meyer, Sir John Freeland, A.B. Baka, P. Küris, U. Löhnus and J.

Deputy Registrar P. J. Mahoney Judgment May 2]

Removing a convicted drug courier in the advanced stages of AIDS to his country of origin, St Kitts, would expose him to inhuman or degrading treatment in breach of article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

The applicant, D, was born in St Kitts and appeared to have lived there most of his life. He arrived at Gatwick Airport, London, on Janu-

He was refused leave to enter and issued with a removal order. having been found on arrival to be in possession of a substantial value of about £120,000.

However, rather than being emoved he was arrested and charged with illegally importing a controlled drug into the United Kingdom. He was convicted by London court in April 1993 and sentenced to six years

In August 1994 the applicant was diagnosed while in prison as HIV positive and suffering from AIDS. The infection appeared to have been contracted some time before his arrival in the United Kingdom. He began to receive treatment

for the illness. His condition had gradually deteriorated and he was in the advanced stages of the

A medical report dated June 13. 1996 indicated that his prognosis was very poor and that his life twelve" months on present

On January 20, 1996, a few days before his release on licence, the immigration authorities ordered his removal to St Kins, On February 2, the applicant applied unsuccessfully to the High Court for judicial review of the Chief cration Officer's refusal to allow him to remain in the United On compassionate

On February 15, the Court of Appeal dismissed his renewed application for leave to apply for judicial review of the decision on the ground that the immigration authorities had properly treated his request as an application for

As such, they were not required to take into account the official policy guidelines on AIDS sufferwhich only concerned the taking of decisions or applications to remain in the United Kingdom. The applicant was currently living in special sheltered accommodation for AIDS patients pro-vided by a UK charity and continued to receive medical treatment for his condition.

Shortly before the hearing before the Court of Human Rights on February 20, 1997 he had to be transferred to a hospital and his condition was reported to be giving

It was not disputed that his already shortened life expectancy would be further reduced on account of the lack of medical atment and facilities for dealing with his condition in St Kitts, The applicant appeared to have no close family members there, no means of support and no

The application to the European Commission of Human Rights,

1996, was declared admissible on June 25, 1995.

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Article 3 of the Convention vides: "No one shall be subected to torture or to inhuman or degrading treatment or

In its report of October 15, 1996 the Commission expressed the view, by 11 votes to 7, that there would be a violation of article 3 if the applicant were to be removed to St Kitts; unanimously, that it was unnecessary to examine the life); unanimously, that no sepa-rate issue arose under article 8 tright to respect for private life; and by 13 votes to 5, that there had been no violation of article 13 (right to an effective remedy).

In its judgment, the European Court of Human Rights held as I Alleged violation of article 3

The Court recalled at the outset that contracting states had the right, as a matter of well estab-lished international law and subject to their treaty obligations, including the Human Rights Convention, to control the entry, residence and expulsion of aliens.
It also noted the gravity of the offence which was committed by the applicant and was acutely aware of the problems confronting contracting states in their efforts to combat the harm caused to their

societies through the supply of drugs from abroad.

The administration of severe sanctions to persons involved in drug trafficking, including expul-sion of alien drug couriers like the applicant, was a justified response to that scourge.
However, in exercising their

right to expel such aliens contractfrom intentionally inflicted acts of the public authorities in the receiving states had to have regard to article 3 of the Convention which enshrined one of the fundamental ing country or from those of non-state bodies in that country when

appropriate confronted death in a familiar and protection. However, given the fun-

damental importance of article 3 in the Convention system, the Court had to reserve to itself sufficient flexibility to address the application of that article in other contexts which might arise.

It could not therefore be prevented from scrutinising an ap-plicant's claim under article 3 where the source of the risk of proscribed treatment in the receivountry lay in factors which could not engage either directly or indirectly the responsibility of the public authorities of that country. or which, taken alone, did not in themselves infringe the standards

To limit the application of article 3 in that manner would be to undermine the absolute character such contexts the Court had to subject all the circumstances surrounding the case to a rigorous scrutiny, especially the applicant's personal situation in the expelling

Against that background the Court considered whether in view condition and the situation which awaited him in St Kitts, there would be a real risk that his removal to that country would breach the standards of article 3. In that respect the Court noted

deteriorating and he had reached a critical stage in his fatal illness. The limited quality of life he now enjoyed resulted from the sophisticated treatment and medication which he received in the United Kingdom and the palliative care administered by a charitable

The authorities had assumed sibility for treating his condition since August 1994 and he compassionate environment. The abrupt withdrawal of the current St Kins would entail the most

Any medical treatment which he might hope to receive in St Kitts could not contend with the infeccontract on account of his lack of shelter and of a proper diet as well as exposure to the health and sanitation problems in the coun-

dramatic consequences for him.

gest that any family he might possibly have in St Kitts would be able or willing to attend to his needs or that he would be guarhospitals which reportedly cared for AIDS patients. The Court stressed that the

There was no evidence to sug-

conditions which confronted D in Kitts did not in thems breach the standards of article 3. However, for the reasons stated. his removal to that country would expose him to a real risk of dying in the most distressing circum-stances and thus to inhuman stances and thus to treatment contrary to article 3. In reaching that conclusion, the

t emphasised that aliens who had served their prison sentences and were subject to expulsion could not in principle claim any territory of a contracting state in order to continue to benefit from medical, social or other forms of ling state during their stay in However, given that the present

case turned on very exceptional circumstances and involved compelling humanitarian considerations, the Court concluded that the implementation of the decision to remove the applicant would the respondent state in violation of II Alleged violation of article 2

Having regard to its finding that the removal of the applicant to St Kins would give rise to a violation that it was not necessary to examine his complaint under article 2, which guaranteed the right to III Alleged violation of article 8

Having regard to its finding under article 3, the Court con-cluded that the applicant's comblaint with regard to the tight to respect for private life as guaranteed by article 8 raised no IV Alleged violation of article 13

The Court recalled that in certain previous cases against the d Kingdom it had considered judicial review proceedings to be an effective remedy in relation to complaints raised under article 3 extradition: see Vilvarajah and Others v United Kingdom (The Times November 12, 1991; Series A No 215, p.30, paragraph (23) and Soering v United Kingdom (The Times July 8, 1989: Series A No Iol pp47-48, paragraphs 121-124). It had acknowledged, inter alia,

that a court in the exercise of its have nower to quash a decision to country where it was established inhuman or degrading treatment on the ground that in all the circumstances the decision was one that no reasonable secretary of state could take.

The Court considered that there was no reason in the case before it to depart from that conclusion. It of Appeal had had regard to domestic case law which required it to submit the applicant's plight to the most anxious scrutiny on account of the established risk to his life expectancy.

The substance of the applicant's complaint had been examined by the Court of Appeal which had the power to afford him the relief he sought. The fact that it did not do so was rich a material consideration since the effectiveness of a remedy for the purposes of article 13 did not depend on the certainty of a favourable outcome for an applicant: see Vilvarajah lat p30 paragraph (22)

The applicant maintained that the effectiveness of the remedy invoked first before the High Court and subsequently before the Court of Appeal was undermined on account of their failure to conduct an independent scrutiny of the facts in order to determine whether they disclosed a real risk that he would be exposed to inhuman and degrading treatment. He relied on Chahal (at paragraph 151).

in that case the domestic courts were precluded from reviewing the factual basis underlying the national security considerations in-voked by the Home Secretary to justify the expulsion of Mr Chahal. No such considerations arose in the present case.

The Court therefore concluded that the applicant had had avail-able to him an effective remedy in relation to his complaints under articles 2, 3 and 8 of the Convention and there was accordingly no breach of article 13. V Application of article 50

The applicant did not claim compensation. Making an assessment on an

equitable basis, the Court awarded the applicant £35,000 by way of added tax that might be chargeable less the amount paid in legal aid by the Council of Europe.

Court of Appeal

# Court of Appeal

Goodchild and Another v

Before Lord Justice Leggatt, Lord

Justice Morritt and Lord Justice

The doctrine of mutual wills

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The Court of Appeal so held

dismissing the appeal of the defen-dant. Enid June Goodchild, and

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# Legal expenses tax deductible

# **Doctrine of mutual wills**

provision from the estate of Dennis Goodchild, inter alia, that identical wills of Dennis and Joan Goodchild, executed in 1988, were not mutual wills binding on Den-nis after Joan's death, but the circumstances of the case justified a claim by the first plaintiff, their

had held in a claim for financial

the two testators that the wills would not be revoked and would Dennis married the defendant remain unaltered. There was no after Joan's death in 1991 but died a reason to import into that doctrine little over four months later. Mr J. H. G. Sunnucks for the to the creation of secret and

defendant, Mr Jeremy Gordon for LORD JUSTICE LEGGATT said that the judge had held that the identical wills of Joan and

Dennis were not munual wills as there was no clear agreement that they were to be mutually binding. claim by their son. Gary, on Dennis's estate under section 2 of the 1975 Act on the basis that Joan's mistaken belief that the terms of

Dennis which was a special stance exceptional enough to justify the claim. The plaintiffs' case was that it was sufficient to show a common understanding between the tes-tators at the time the wills were executed; Mr. Gordon drew an analogy with secret trusts where

equity would not permit property

For the doctrine to apply there had to be a contract at law, see the wills were mutually binding imposed a moral obligation on

ntions.

Not only had they to be binding to have undertaken, and so had to

wanted Gary to inherit the combined estates, there was no express nor could any such agreement be implied from the fact the survivor was in a position to leave both estates to Gary.

What was required was a mutual intention that both wills should remain unaltered and that the survivor should be bound to leave the combined estates to the

The judge was entitled from the evidence to decline to infer any agreement between Dennis and Joan that would prevent the survivor of them from interfering with As regards the claim under the

1975 Act. Mr Sunnucks contended. inter alia, no provision should have been made for Gary as he was capable of earning his own living: that there was no special cheminstances in the case to justify any moral claim and that the judge on between the principles of family provision and those relating to mutual wills. He relied on In re Coventry, dec'd (\$1980) Ch 461). His Lordship disagreed. The

principles by which the court proceeded were clear. There was in the present case the plainest possible basis for concluding that, whereas Dennis and Joan had not made a clear agreement for muusal wills, none the less Joan's understanding of the effect of her will was such as to impose on Dennis a moral obligation, once Gary's need for reasonable financial provision was established.

The judge concluded Gary was barely able to meet his financial requirements. The appraisal of all the circumstances was for the

He had properly directed himself and was not shown to have erred in principle or even to have reached a conclusion that was surprising or untoward. The judgment was not only sensible: it was

concurring judgment and Lord Justice Phillips agreed. Solicitors: Porter Dodson, Yeovil; Poole & Co, Yeovil. McKnight (Inspector of Taxes) v Sheppard Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord

Justice Potter and Lord Justice Mummerv [Judgment May 7] Legal expenses incurred by a stockbroker on defending disci-

plinary proceedings against him for alleged breaches of the Stock Exchange rules and regulations were deductible in computing the amount of his profits chargeable to Schedule D. The finding of fact that his sole conscious motive in making the substantial expenditure was to avoid destroying his stockbroking business justified the conclusion that it was laid out wholly and exclusively for the

tion 130(a) of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

The fact that the expenditure had inevitably to involve his personal reputation did not require making the inference of a dual purpose for incurring the

expenditure, only one of which was for the purposes of his trade. The Court of Appeal in reserved judgments so held allowing an appeal by the taxpayer, Mr Brian S. Sheppard, from the decision of Mr Justice Lightman (The Times May 21, 1996; [1996] STC 627) that had reversed the determination of a special commissioner (Mr Theodore Wallace) that legal costs exceeding E200,000 had been incurred by the taxpayer wholly and

exclusively for his trade. The taxpayer, sole proprietor of a stockbroking firm, incurred the legal expenses in defending himself, in part successfully and thereby avoiding suspension from trading, against allegations of misconduct and gross misconduct at disciplinary hearings by the Stock Exchange Council and the

disciplinary appeals committee in

1987. The tax inspector had refused to allow the taxpayer's claim to deduct the expenditure on the ground, inter alia, that it was made for non-trading purposes.

Mr David Goldberg, QC, who did not appear below, and Mr Hugh McKay for the taxpayer: Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that the appeal gave the court an occasion for reminding itself of its limited function on hearing ap-

payer's business, that it was for that reason that he had incurred the costs and that his ners reputation was not a factor. lt seemed clear from his decision

that the commissioner had been engaged in the familiar exercise of determining whether, in incurring the expenditure, the taxpayer had had a dual or a single purpose. In other words was it both the avoidance of the destruction of his business and the preservation of his personal reputation as an former, the latter being merely an

The commissioner had directed

First, by reference to Morgan v Tate & Lyle Ltd (1955] AC 21) for the proposition that expenditure on preventing a person from being disabled from carrying on and earning profits in his trade was in principle deductible;

Second. by reference to Mallatieu v Drummond (1983) 2 AC 861) and MacKinlay v Arthur Young McClelland Moores & Co (1990) 2 AC 239) for the general approach to section 130(a) of the

1970 Act; and Third, in further reference to the exclusivity of purpose test, he had considered a number of cases

legal expenses, including Spofforth & Prince v Golder [[1945]]
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facts found. taxpayer's position to be so indifterent to his personal reputation that its preservation was not one of the purposes of the expenditure. Nevertheless, that was the find-

ing of the tribunal of fact, the commissioner. Moreover, he was correct in saying that it was not inescapable that one purpose of the expenditure was the preservation of the taxpayer's personal reputation. The human species had not yet been reduced to a uniformity incapable of such insouciance. He was entitled to distinguish

Mallalicu v Drummond. The basis of the judge's decision was that to be deductible, the expenditure had not only to be wholly and exclusively incurred for the purposes of the trade, he had held that that test was satislied, but also sufficiently con-nected with the carrying on and

was incurred in a course of conduct outside the ordinary course of the trade; that legal expenses incurred in defending a trader against successful disciplinary proceedings involving serious breaches of the rules were course of the trade and that here the taxpayer had been found guilty of serious and deliberate departures from the Stock Exchange

did not exist where the expenditure

Moreover, on an appeal by way

Even if the judge's approach was correct, the taxpayer's exoneration on six of the charges would appear to have required some apportionment of the legal expenses between those which were deductible and those which were not. None of those questions had been considered by the commissioner and the judge had no materials on which he could decide them for himself. Lord Justice Potter and Lord Justice Mummery agreed.

Solicitors: Dunderdale Wignall.

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fit on the strength of a binding agreement sufficed to create a son, on his father's estate under the constructive trust: see In re Dale, decid ([1994] Ch 31) and the cases cited there. His Lordship said that those submissions foundered at the

same point; as was put in argument by Lord Justice Morritt, the reason why if mutual wills were to take effect an agreement was necessary, was that without it the property of the second testator was not bound, whereas a secret trust concerned only the property of a person in the position of the first

Dale (at p38) and the cases cited there. In Cleaver there was specific evidence as to the testators' mutual intentions at the time the wills were made, not so in the present Even if a binding agreement

were not required, it would still be necessary to prove that both tes-rators intended not merely that Gary should be the ultimate beneficiary but that the survivor should not prevent that happening if he or she thought fit.

There was no presumption that a present plan would be immutable in future. A key feature of the concept of mutual wills was the irrevocability of the mutual in-

be bound, not to change their intentions after the death of the first testalor.

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Lord Justice Morritt gave

# Whether act is wilful misconduct

Laceys Footwear Ltd Bowler and Another

Before Lord Justice Beldam, Lord Saville and Lord Justice Brooke

Dudgment April 18 Whether in any given circum-stances the acts or omissions of a property of another amounted to wilful misconduct bad a second to person entrusted with the goods or with an inquiry about the conducordinarily to be expected in the particular circumstances and by then asking whether the acts or omissions of the person whose behaviour was called in question was so far outside the range of such conduct that it could properly be regarded as "misconduct".

An important circumstance in

any case would be a deliberate regard of express instructions clearly given and understood.
Further, a person could be said to act with reckless carelessness towards goods in his care if, aware of a risk that they might be lost or damaged, he nevertheless went deliberately ahead and took the

LORD JUSTICE BELDAM said that on October 30, 1992, a consignment of 269 cartons of shoes was driven from Alicante, Spain by a Spanish driver who reported to an ffice in Slough where he was told to deliver them only to the plain-tiffs' premises in Hackney Road. east London.

Desoite his instructions he was persuaded by two men he spoke to on reaching that road, on the ground that his vehicle was said to be too large to enter the premises, to drive to an industrial estate and off-load the shoes into an un-marked vehicle, and to give them the papers relating to the

After the vehicle had been reimitted that they had not effected insurance of the consignment in accordance with the express instructions they had been given by the plaintiffs. The judge found that the plaintiffs had proved wilful misconduct.

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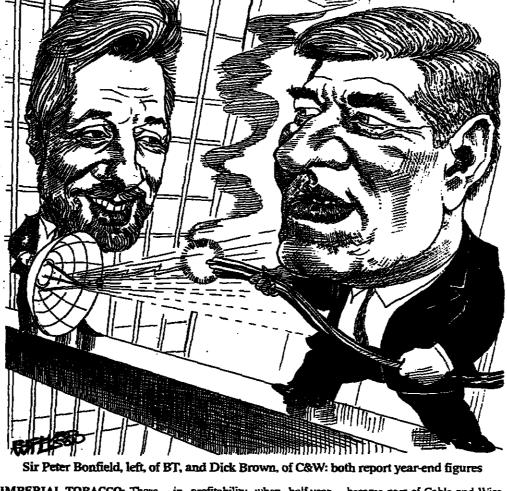
# BT faces grilling on MCI alliance

year figures on Thursday will give brokers a chance to quiz the board on prospects for the alliance with MCI in America.

Recent financial results from MCI left the market unimpressed. By contrast, NatWest Securities, the broker, is looking for a reasonably solid performance from BT, whose chief executive is Sir Peter Bonfield. It is forecasting a 3 per cent rise in pre-tax profits, from £3.5 billion to £3.62 billion, with earnings up just 1 per cent, from 36.7p a share to 37.2p. The overall picture is likely to prove mixed with growth still being achieved through new services. Redundancy charges will be lower but higher than the original figure pencilled in by brokers. The final figure is expected to fall from £421 million to £365 million. BT forecast a final dividend of 11.95p at the time of the MCI acquisition making a total of 19.85p, up 6.1 per cent.

GRAND METROPOLITAN: Half-year figures on Thursday, should reveal the early benefits of the group's recent change of direction. Solid organic growth, better return on capital and maybe even a share buyback are likely to be contained in the figures. Pre-tax profits are expected to grow 3 per cent, from £455 million to £469 million. But earnings growth, of between 14.8p a share and 15.2p, will be held back by the affects of a strong pound and the dilution from the sale of its European food operations. Another strong performance is expected from Pillsbury while Burger King will have outperformed McDonald's. its bigger rival. IDV should have benefited from a better pricing policy. The half-year payout will be pegged at 5.9p a share.

HANSON: These will be the first figures recorded since the group completed its four-way demerger. The City is looking for £65 million when the group reports on Thursday, with earnings of 8.5p a share accompanied by a payout of 4p. The boost to profits will come from improved trading conditions on both sides of the Atlantic for its aggregates business. But the problem of oversupply at Hanson Brick continues. For the full year the market is looking for profits of £236 million.



IMPERIAL TOBACCO: These are the first figures from the group since it was demerged from Hanson. Pre-tax profits on Wednesday, are expected to run out at £143 million although operating profits are expected to show a 9 per cent increase at £190 million. The payout will be 9p.

Imperial is now facing up to increased competition and may have to look abroad for future expansion. Sales of hand-rolling tobaccos continue to grow but the group will have done well to retain its share of the premium

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in profitability when half-year figures are published tomorrow. Pre-tax profits are likely to be marginally lower, at £319 million, compared with £321 million last time, while earnings remain unaltered at 19.2p.

The retail side will have benefited for the first time from the release of the beer provision set up after the disposal of its share in Carlsberg-Tetley, but spirits will suffer from the strong pound. The interim payment is expected to be unchanged at 9.4p.

CABLE AND WIRELESS: The year-end figures, due on Wednesday, will include the results of Mercury Communications for recovery after the recent decline the last time. In April, Mercury became part of Cable and Wireless Communications, the phone and cable group that is 53 per cent owned by C&W. Mercury's disappearance will not disappoint investors. An increasingly numble British Telecom has made its life miserable in recent years.

Analysts expect C&W, whose chief executive is Dick Brown, to report pre-tax profits of about £1.35 billion, up 7 per cent from the £1.26 billion earned the year before. The City will be looking for news on the future of Hongkong Telecom, C&W's largest business. There is speculation that C&W is willing to reduce its stake in the company in exchange for greater access to the Chinese

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

# Bank report will clarify rates view

The Bank of England's quarterly inflation report, published tomorrow, will give a firmer indication of whether the Bank feels that a quarter-point rise in rates is sufficient for the time being. It will also shed light on the Bank's views on the strength of sterling.

will have caused problems for the

industrial gases group and this will be reflected in a dull set of

interim figures tomorrow. Pre-

tax profits are expected to be

down by about £3 million, to £214

million, with earnings virtually

unaltered at 28p. Even so, there

should be scope for a to rise in the payout to 14.5p.ln addition to the

strong pound, the group will

have also experienced a sizeable

downturn in profits at its healthcare division, which is

facing increased competition. es-

pecially in the anaesthetic mar-

ker. Volumes among industrial

SAFEWAY: Brokers were expect-

ing the worst from full-year

figures due out on Wednesday.

after its profit warning in Febru-

ary. Subsequent news of im-

proved like-for-like sales trends

from the other supermarket

chains has allowed them a little

more optimism. But they will no

doubt still be paying close atten-tion to detail of sales and mar-

gins. Pre-tax profits are expected

to grow from £401 million to £427

million with earnings 10 per cent

SCOTTISHPOWER: The mar-

ket will be looking for fresh information about the integration

of Southern Water. The group

has already promised costs sav-

will contain just seven months of

Southern. They should show pre-tax profits up 30 per cent at £579.7

million with earnings growth less

spectacular. Brokers are looking

for a 7 per cent increase to 39.9p.

The payout is likely to rise from

BURTON GROUP: Despite an

apparently subdued performance

in the run up to the Christmas

season, the City is looking for a

solid increase in profits when the

group unveils half-year figures

on Thursday. At the pre-tax level,

profits should grow almost 23 per cent, from £88.1 million to £108

million, with earnings growth up

from 4.5p to 5.2p. The debut of

Racing Green and Innovations

accounted for almost 4 per cent of

the 11 per cent increase in sales

announced in January. Burton is

expected to increase the dividend

from 1.15p to 1.3p.

Full-year figures on Thursday

ings of £44 million by 1999.

higher at 27.7p.

15.5p to 18.5p.

gases will have improved.

The Bank has been especially concerned about the inflationary impact of a tightening labour market during the last few months so the market's attention will also be closely focused on Wednesday's labour market statistics.

MMS International, the economic fore-

easting company, predicts that unemployment will fall by 30,000 in April, compared with a 41,000 fall the previous month. But average earnings should stabilise as the City bonus season comes to an end. although MMS predicts a slight rise, to 5.25 per cent from 5 per cent.

The retail prices data due to be published on Thursday, will show that current inflation remains subdued. Headline inflation is expected to fall from 26 per cent to 23 per cent. Underlying inflation — which excludes mortgage payments - could come in at 24 per cent. just below the Government's target figure of 2.5 per cent.

The producer prices figures for April. which are released today, will provide more evidence of the deflationary impact that the strong pound is having on factorygate prices.

Factory-gate prices are predicted to show a rise of 0.3 per cent. compared with a fall of 0.1 per cent in March, but the annual rate is expected to remain unchanged at 1 per cent. Input prices are expected to show an 8.5 per cent fall year-

In the United States, tomorrow's retail sales figures will be closely monitored for signs of a slowdown ahead of the Federal Open Market Committee meeting on May 20. MMS forecasts that sales in April will fall by 0.5 per cent compared with a rise of 0.2 per cent the previous month due to a big drop in car sales.

The producer prices on Wednesday and consumer inflation figures the following day will confirm that inflation remains under control. The April factory-gate prices are expected to show a small rise of 0.1 per cent, while CPI will remain

unchanged at 0.1 per cent.
In Germany, the half-yearly tax estimates, due on Thursday, are expected to show the country on course to just miss the 3 per cent budget deficit target demanded by the Maastricht Treaty. But economists believe that the German Government will take immediate fiscal action to reinforce confidence in European Monetary Union

ALASDAIR MURRAY

# Outlook after Labour's Bank surprise

Kengland was widely be pected during the lifetime of a Labour government, but there was little indication in the election campaign that Gordon Brown would move quite so quickly. The an-nouncement on Tuesday that Eddie George will take control of monetary policy was, not surprisingly, favourably received by the gilt market. The removal of political consideramons from the interest rate decision was always going to be viewed positively; further encouragement was provided by confirmation that the existing target to keep underlying inflation at or below 2.5 per cent will be maintained. Ten-year yields, which traded just below 7.5 per cent in the aftermath of Labour's landslide election win, rallied down to 7 per cent after the change in monetary arrangements.

So far, so good for gilts. The risk is, of course, that an operationally independent central bank is more likely to act hawkishly on interest rates if it sees any threat of inflation. It is clear, for example, from minutes of past "Ken and Eddie" meetings that base rates would have been raised some months

Reform of the Bank of ago if Eddie George had been able to dictate monetary policy.

This, coupled with Labour's determination to move speedily in key policy areas, suggests that the mini-Budget due to be held in June could produce a thorough review of fiscal options. Most significantly, Gordon Brown will be painfully aware that failure to address the structural aspect of the budget deficit will heighten the probability of Mr George using his new power at the earliest opportunity.

In view of this, it now seems unlikely that the Chancellor's financial statement will be limited to a windfall tax, the "welfare to work" strategy and a cut in VAT on fuel. Although much speculation has surrounded the future of the dividend tax credit, Gordon Brown may see the personal sector as the more appropriate area on which to focus, given the economic climate. Abolishing Miras and the married couple's allowance could, for example, easily be justified on both political and economic grounds, and raise more than £5 billion for the Treasury.

Overseas investors are bound to be impressed by new Labour's assertiveness. The institutional change brings the UK that much closer to fulfilling the criteria for EMU. The combination of modestly highthough joining in 1999 has been ruled unlikely. Even so. the credibility that overseas investors attach to policy-making now ought to be raised. Expectations of higher interest rates



George: new power

have already lifted sterling's trade-weighted index nearly 20 per cent in the past year. Of course, if the Government chooses to lean on fiscal policy to restrain demand, that will lessen the need for aggressive action on interest rates. If so. sterling is unlikely to rise er interest rates, a tightening of fiscal policy and a stable pound should help to suppress any build-up of inflationary pressures, and this should be positive for the gilt market.

International developments are always critical to the gilt market and, in this respect, the US bond market remains vital to the interest rate background. After month upon month of negotiations, the idea of bringing the US budget deficit into balance in the medium term now finally lies within reach. Several more months of thrashing out details of a balanced budget lie ahead, but, ultimately, the deal will be beneficial for all bond markets. In the US, inflationary pressures are barely evident. What role the stronger dollar has played in subduing inflation is hard to say. However, at this late stage in the cycle, when, with the economy moving towards full employment, it is natural to expect inflationary pressures to be mounting, a strong dollar can only serve to keep these pressures at bay. The Federal Reserve is still likely to

over the prospect, bond market fundamentals — low and stable inflation and a rapidly shrinking budget deficit relative to GDP - mean that yields

should not rise much. Given this reassuring backdrop, can gilt yields fall further or is all the good news in the price? The gilt market is technically overbought and there is bound to be some short-term profit-taking. The more perti-nent point, given the likely as-piration of joining EMU eventually, is how much more the differential between yields on gilts and German bonds can narrow. The experience of the formerly higher-yielding European bond markets suggests that the differential could narrow by at least another 20 basis points. However, with yields on German bonds expected to rise in response to a pick-up in economic growth as the year progresses, this narrowing in differential effectively means that ten-year gilt yields could end the year at 7 per cent.

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# Dow tipped to buy ICI Australia

By Martin Barrow

ICI AUSTRALIA is braced for a full takeover bid for the company, with Dow Chemi-cal Co of America tipped as a possible bidder. The board of the Australian company is also considering a partial

share buyback. ICI Australia has been locked in talks with its financial advisers to plan the next move after a decision by Britain's ICI to sell its 62.4 per cent stake in the business, was announced last week.

The British company could raise about £1.1 billion by selling the stake, helping to offset the cost of the £5 billion purchase of Unilever's specia-

lity chemicals businesses.

The disposal is expected to take place in July and the shares could be sold in more than one tranche. However, the board of ICI Australia believes there is a realistic chance a single buyer may emerge with a takeover bid for the whole company.

Warren Haynes, managing director of ICI Australia, yesterday said it was possible an overseas interest could buy the whole company. "I sup-pose I shouldn't discount that as a possibility.

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# WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 37

(b) The plug by which the rectum of a bear is closed during bibernation. The Swedish and Norwegian word for a plug. "The tappen is almost entirely composed of pine-leaves, and various substances which the Bear scratches out of the ants' nests."

(b) The three at dice or cards. In dice, that side of the die that is

marked with three pips or spots. Also a throw which turns up this side. From the Old French and Anglo-French treis three. "There's luck under the deuce but none under the trey." (a) A writ authorising the holding of an assize to decide the status of a property. Usually in assize of utrum. From the Latin neuter singular of uter which or whether. "Assize of Utrum may not be brought by a vicar for a small pension paid to a religious

(c) Spanish rough red wine whence Tent as the English name From tinto the Spanish for tinted, "a blackish wine in Spaine". Also the name of a French wine. And one Portuguese meaning: Tinto is a red Madeira wine. Wanting the high aroma of the

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white sorts; and, when old, resembling tawny port."

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# Government to give guidance on millennium bug

By Fraser Nelson

THE Government's computer Thagency will today launch a guide aimed at solving the Bmillennium computer problem. It says the guide could save British industry millions of pounds in fees to computer

The guide, compiled by the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency, will be a DIY manual to help businesses to draw up a plan to correct the bug. The CCTA says the guide could save thousand of pounds for businesses which would otherwise be making their first steps by seeking professional advice. The CCTA said the guide

relevant to all business.

A spokesman said: "As an

achieved if the public sector

gathered was from the private

The millennium computer

bug is a simple logic flaw affecting systems that read

years in a two-digit format.

Many will be thrown into con-

fusion when told the year '00' comes after the year '99.'

The CCTA's guide, which

took eight months to produce, says the crucial points are:

Managers take a direct

hand in solving the millenni-

um problem and do not leave

it to the computer department.

Action is taken immediately

to avoid the escalating costs.

Computer services groups are already planning to double their fees over the next 12

☐ A three-year plan is drawn

up and a separate budget is

Money is not wasted correc-

ting systems due for replace-

ment. Critical computer syst-

ems must be corrected first, it

says, while many stand-alone

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ents and suppliers are also

taking action, ensuring insula-

tion from knock-on effects.

systems can be ignored.

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eventualities.

will help managers to decide if they have a problem and to identify which parts of the business may be affected. It will also advise on millennium pitfalls: spending money on correcting computer systems which can be ignored or fixing systems due

The CCTA emphasised that its manual is not official Government policy but a manual designed for the pub-

# Gas complaints past their peak

BY OUR BUSINESS STAFF

COMPLAINTS against Brit-E ish Gas, arguably the country's least popular utility, appear to have peaked, the Gas Consumers' Council re-

Latest figures show a fall in complaints against British Gas Services and British Gas Energy Centres in the three months to March 31. British Gas Trading, which deals with billing and gas supply, enjoyed a 7 per cent fall in complaints in March, als though complaints rose 22 per cent over the full quarter, the

The shift has been cautious-Ely welcomed as a turning point by the council and British Gas, which has seen complaint levels soar in the past three years. In 1996 complaints against British Gas Trading rose by 103 per cent, to 34,211.

Phil Hamer, field director for the council, said: "The

figures are still not good but compared with the problems there have been it is an improvement. It's an indication that maybe they have turned the corner in terms of improving customer services but, make no mistake, they've still got a long way to go."

A key problem was that customers were having to make several phone calls to answer queries rather than having them dealt with a "onestop-shop" system, he said.

The council blamed the huge volume of complaints last year on the inadequacy of a new computer billing system, which sent out scores of incorrect bills and threatened some customers with disconnection. The problem is believed to have cost the company £80 million.



Shining lights: Nicholas Faston, left and his father Leslie, who founded Versalite. are taking their stained glass company to

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placing to raise £800,000. The two will become paper millionaires after the countries, and last returned profits of flotation, sharing a stake worth £3.2 £163,000. It will be valued at £4.3 million, million. Their company exports its col-

oured transfers to customers in

# Shell set to weather protest vote

BRITAIN'S largest fund management groups are mainly ignoring calls from environmental lobbyists to discomfort Shell by supporting a church-sponsored resolution at Wednesday's annual meeting.

The resolution calls on Shell to improve its environment policies and to conduct an external audit on their imple-

by lobbyists to mobilise pension fund trustees, most fund management companies have chosen to accept Shell's argument that directors should determine matters of policy without interference.

However, one leading fund management group was not satisfied with the Shell position and has chosen to abstain while sending a written

spokesman said: "Shell have moved some way but we don't believe they have moved far enough. We have sent them a yellow card to say that if this

not support them. Shell has met with leading shareholders, who have been extensively lobbied by Pirc, the consultancy, as well as environmental and human rights

One fund manager rejected the notion that environmental policy should be subject to shareholder vote: "If you think issue comes up again we will the company is badly run, you should replace the board."

Last week, the Prudential indicated that it would sup-

port the board, voting some 3

per cent of the stock of Shell

Transport & Trading.

# Pharmacia & Upjohn names chief

Pharmacia & Upjohn, the Swedish-US drugs group with headquarters in London, yesterday named Fred Hassan as its new president and chief executive. He succeeds John Zabriskie, who resigned abruptly in January.

Mr Hassan, 51, is executive vice-president of American Home Products. He has spent 26 years in the industry, including 17 years with Sandoz in America. He said that P&U faced "some clear challenges, but I am convinced of our strong funda-mentals — global reach, a powerful R&D base and a solid new-product pipeline." Mr Hassan, a US citizen of Pakistani origin, was educated at Imperial College, London. and Harvard.

#### **Export barriers**

An array of trade barriers, from tariffs and local taxes to complex Customs procedures and even bribery, are hampering Britain's small export firms, a survey claims today. The British Chambers of Commerce found that 54 per cent of the smaller exporters questioned had come up against obstacles inside and outside the European Union that affected their ability to compete. More focus and resources to support the businesses was

#### Tobacco float

Gallaher, the UK tobacco subsidiary of American Brands, is expected to give details on Wednesday of its £2.2 billion London stock market flotation. Gallaher controls 39 per cent of the British tobacco market owning the Benson & Hedges and Silk Cat brands. The shares are expected to be priced around 320p.

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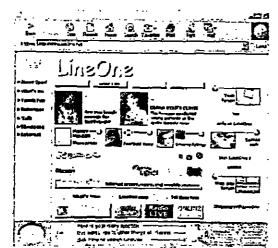
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# **OFT** forces lender to alter policy on penalties

By GAVIN LUMSDEN

CITY Mortgage Corporation, the US firm that specialises in lending to people on low incomes with poor credit ratings, has bowed to pressure from the Office of Fair Trading and is to stop levying excessively high penalties when loans are ended early.

The company has told the OFT that it will abandon its use of rule 78 from August 1. This rule, which was originally designed for short-term unsecured loans, has been exploited by several mortgage lenders when calculating redemption penalties.

CMC has been known to charge borrowers of £30,000 a total of £42,000 for leaving the loan in the first year. It said

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about the high rates of undisclosed commission paid to brokers and the use of dual interest rates by lenders. These can double the amount borrowers have to pay if they default by just one day. CMC would not comment on whether it would change these

> However, David Milton, a solictor acting on behalf of the CMC Victims Association, said that the move would not stop legal proceedings against the company if it was not retrospective. He also condemned the company's power to increase the difference between its concessionary and

this with a penalty of six

CMC's move follows a

warning in February from John Bridgeman, Director-

General of the Office of Fair-

Trading, to 50 lenders and

brokers that he would revoke

their credit licences if they

continued to mislead borrow-

ers. CMC, the largest lender in

what is known as the sub-

prime market, was widely

believed to have been the focus

Bridgeman was concerned

In addition to rule 78, Mr

of his attention

Although it has only 30,000 borrowers, CMC has started 1.212 court hearings against defaulters in the past two years alone. Repossessions have totalled 154, although CMC is waiting to sell a further 108 homes it has seized. Despite this record, the company is still an approved lender on the Government's right-to-buy scheme, which allows council tenants to buy



Bridgeman: warning letter

#### Ban on beef | Booksellers urged to use fails to slow food exports | the Internet

By SARAH CUNNINGHAM By Sarah Cunningham TRADITIONAL bookseilers

BRITISH food and drink exports grew to more than £10 billion last year in spite of the ban on selling beef abroad

Food From Britain, the export marketing consultancy, said that a l per cent growth in overseas sales to £10.1 billion during 1996 meant that Britain has re-tained its sixth place in the international exporters league. It estimates that British food and drink exports have doubled in the past ten years.

Exports to Japan rose 13 per cent, driven by the demand for British pork. prepared cereals and drinks. Germany, one of the country's most worried about BSE, increased its overall imports of British food and drink by 11 per cent while the US dramatically increased its imports of British cheese and beer, leading to a 9 per cent overall increase in food

and drink imports. France remains the largest importer of British food and drink, although its imports fell 2 per cent last year because of the beef ban.

Exports of British cakes, drinks and beers drove much of last year's growth. Food from Britain said. Last year's figures reflect nine months of the beef ban imposed on March 20, 1996. In 1995, beef exports totalled £600 million.

by consumers' growing preference for videos, computer games and music, according to a report out today..

Corporate Intelligence on Retailing, the consultancy,

must put more effort into

selling on the Internet if they are to fight off the threats

posed by the move into book

retailing by supermarkets and

says supermarkets now control 6 per cent of the book market, equal to £100 million in sales. Moreover, expenditure on books fell 4 per cent last year at the same time as spending on music, videos,

computer games and other software rose 10.4 per cent. Specialist booksellers who have tried introducing price promotions, larger ranges, instore cafes and reading rooms, have not succeeded in reversing the trend, but Internet booksellers in the US

have enjoyed huge success. The report suggests that books are far better suited to Internet retailing than other products. There is no need to touch or try them on while the Internet's search facilities can help customers seeking a particular book. In the US, Amazon Books has sales of more than \$15 million in two years. In the UK, the Internet Bookshop, founded in 1994, is the only Internet-only book retailer. Sales are £568,000 but it still incurs losses.

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Tight Budget and re-entry into the ERM may follow an independent Bank of England

dogged by sterling crises which rocked them to their foundations - in 1931, 1949, 1967, and 1976. Labour now seems to be faced with the opposite problem. namely a strong pound, but it carries powerful echoes of the past. How can Gordon Brown prevent this Government from foundering on the rock of excessibility thanks are likely thanks are likely

sively strong sterling?
The orthodox answer is that he must raise taxes in the coming Budget. Even with effective control ceded to the Bank of England, this should bring about lower interest rates, albeit only lower than they would otherwise have been. I support this case and urge Mr Brown to introduce the most fiscally tight Budget he dares. But there is a potentially serious problem. Exchange rates are not easily forecastable or controllable. The reason is that currency operators are dominated by expectations for the future and these are highly volatile. If a policy change designed to weak-en the currency is interpreted as carrying other information about the future that can be taken to favour the currency, then it may rise. This is exactly what happened when exchange controls were abolished in 1979.

It is a real danger with the tight Budget strategy. Consider the fears that have haunted investors over the years about the UK.

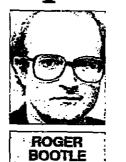
Is Labour aiming for an economic triple whammy?

Even though our performance since we left the ERM in 1992 has been extremely good, investors have been nervous that these gains could be thrown away, particularly under Labour. That is the main reason why they have demanded much higher interest rates on sterling debt than on international equivalents. Now imagine the reaction of these

same sceptical investors to Labour's first Budget. They have recently seen Mr Brown give up control of interest rates. Now they see him raise taxes, not to spend on Labour's pet projects, but rather to reduce borrowing, thereby following the dictates of sound finance and redressing the imbalance in the economy. Meanwhile, he pledges to maintain tight control of public spending and to rely on the radical reform of the welfare state which Labour is planning to release resources from the social security budget to put more money into education. Moreover, in pointed contrast to the situation in most of Britain's competitors, these plans will be pushed through by an

extremely powerful Government,

unfettered by looming elections,



small majorities, doubtful coalitions, or the separation of powers. Well, what would you do. sell the pound or buy it? There has to be a significant chance that confidence in Britain would be boosted so much that the pound rose. In that case, the squeeze on our manufacturers and exporters would intensify, threatening another currency induced economic disaster for Labour in a year or two.

What is the answer? It is to talk the pound down. Such a policy may already have begun with the Governor of the Bank referring to the level of sterling as "uncomfortable" and

stable and competitive pound". But whether talk is effective depends on what lies behind it. There are countless examples of massive exchange-rate misalignments, which central banks and governments have been powerless to correct, not to mention Mr Lamont's attempts to keep the pound in the ERM by telling the markets that there was "not a scintilla of doubt" that we would remain in the system. A few days later, we were out.

But there is a key example of talk having a major effect. In 1990, the Treasury seemed to encourage the view that the pound would enter the ERM, but at a higher rate than the one ruling in the markets. It worked. Sterling rose and was then put in at the rate of DM2.95. A similar game could be played now. summar game could be played flow.

Last week's story that a Labour
source had let it slip that the
Government may seek to take
sterling back into the ERM at a central rate of DM250, may or may not have substance. Whether the slip was intentional or not, Labour may well be drawn inexorably in this direction.

This is how it would work. The markets would be encouraged to believe that we would re-join the ERM under the currently prevailing wide fluctuation bands (15 per cent either side of the central rate), in contrast to the 6 per cent bands when we were last in the system. If we joined at a central rate of DM2.50, then the upper limit would be DM2.90, well above the current rate. By itself, therefore, there is no necessary reason why expectation of ERM re-entry should affect the

prevailing market rate at all.

But what information would it convey to the markets? It would say that the upside on the currency was severely limited. At the upper limit to the band, the Bank of England. aided by other central banks, would intervene to sell pounds. Moreover, conscious of the currency constraint. the Bank might have to go softly in

raising interest rates.

Most importantly, the Government would have given a clear signal of the exchange rate at which Britain might eventually join EMU. namely DM2.50. If the market took this prospect at all seriously, and frankly it should, then it would have the effect of shifting the current market rate down towards the DM2.50 level. Last week, the markets were shocked by the new Government's holdness. But was that merely stage one? Is Labour planning a triple whammy - Bank independence, a tight Budget and re-entry into the ERM?

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Raigh Figures and Kristin Scott Thomas dance to the Miramax tune in The English Patient. The film was funded by the Hollywood company

# British film-makers vie to get lottery cash in the can

val is a dizzy blur of parties, stars trying to avoid publicity and star wannabes performing outrageous acts to achieve the opposite. The intended purpose of the festival - watching, judging and buying new appears an afterthought.

Fun-loving as they are, the festival's British contingent, comprising hundreds of top producers, directors, actors. agents, writers and financiers, came equipped with a different agenda this year. They are in Cannes to learn whether they will be given the opportunity to loosen Hollywood's grip on the market.

On Thursday, at 4pm. Charles Denton, chairman of the Arts Council's Lottery Film Advisory Panel, will announce the recipients of as much as E156 million in lottery funds that will be used to set up British film studios. Chris Smith, the new Secretary of State for National Heritage, is expected to be at his side.

Some 37 British consortiums are bidding for the funds; a maximum of four will win, each taking E39 million. These four, it is hoped, will form the backbone of a genuine film industry, one that will keep the jobs and profits in Britain instead of exporting them to America. Janice Hughes, managing director of Spectrum Strategy Consulants, adviser to the Studio Pictures consortium, said: "The whole idea is to develop a commercial business here. In the past, it has been a cortage industry and there is an antifilm attitude in the City.

The consensus is that the Brits are great at the creative bits of film-making and lousy at the business end. Take The English Patient, winner of nine Oscars. The film had a British director and British actors, but it was Miramax, part of the Disney/ABC group. that will reap the profits. Miramax stepped in after the producers failed to attract British backing.

The somario is repeated on an alarming scale every year. Almost all of the independent film companies in Britain are small, undercapitalised and have enormous problems finding distributors. In 1996, Brit-

Eric Reguly on the competition for £156m in Arts Council funding up for grabs in Cannes this week

ish films took in only £16 million, or 3.4 per cent, of the £440 million in total domestic box office sales. Trainspotting and Brassed Off were the only British films in the top 40 list. American films - Independence Day, Evita and Toy Story, among them - occupied the rest of the top slots.

True, 1996 was a bad year but British films never reach double-digit box office shares even in the best years. In 1994, swelled by Four Weddings and a Funeral, British films reported domestic box office sales of about £33 million, or 9 per cent of the total.

A typical Hollywood studio can develop, finance, produce and distribute a film. Distribution, domestically and internationally, is the most important element by far. A distributor is the film's sales agent. Without a distributor. the film is as good as dead. Imagine Ford or Vauxhall without dealer networks.

George Burger, executive vice-president of Alliance Communications, the Canadian film company that will act as Studio Pictures' international distributor if the consortium wins the lottery money, said: "Distribution is the single biggest source of revenue for a picture, and international sales are critical."

Distribution plays another crucial role. Financing is much easier to obtain if a film's distribution is guaranteed before its release. More often than not, British films do not have distributors and are starved for financing. To get out of the hole, they sell the international rights to their products for a pittance. If they are really desperate,

they will sell the national distribution and video rights as well. The film-maker, as a result, will receive no benefit if the film succeeds. Mr Denton, who is the former head of BBC drama, said: "In these instances you haven't got a business. All you're doing is giving away your assets." It is unsurprising that big-

name distributors, many foreign-owned, are the common element in the lottery bids that seem to have the best chance of striking gold at Cannes. Studio Pictures, whose backers include Ewan McGregor -Renton in Trainspotting has recruited Alliance for Canadian and international sales, and Electric Pictures for domestic distribution.

Film Consortium which includes Richard Branson's Virgin Cinemas, has signed up Rank for domestic distribution and The Sales Company in the foreign market. UK Filmworks, whose point man is Mike Newell, director of Four Weddings, has lined up Columbia Tristar for domestic distribution, and Summit Entertainment of Canada elsewhere.

The Double Negative consortium brings tother Working Title Films, producer of Weddings, and Polygram, one of the world's largest film distributors. The backers of the Partners in Film hid include Elton John's Rocket Pictures, the First Independent distribution company. and the Guinness Mahon merchant bank.

The Arts Council has been attacked by some all-British consortiums for allowing foreign partners such as Alliance, Polygram and Columbia Tristar to take part in the lottery race. But the council believes their presence is inevitable and not unwelcome. We have to recognise that this is an international business,"

Elton John: backing distribution project MacGregor as Renton in Trainspotting

sortium has to make British films and not export any benefits outside of the UK."

The formation of consor-

tiums will end the practice of individual film companies competing with each other for scarce funding. The lottery money will help to finance a slate of films. The Arts Council hopes that the new studios, well financed and ready to tackle every aspect of film-making will lure British talent that would otherwise fiee

to Hollywood.

Profits from the films will be pumped back into the British industry, creating more job opportunities. Studio Pictures. for example, plans 50 films over six years if it wins lottery money. It intends to raise more than £3 for every lottery El, raising the total film bud-

get to about £180 million. In time, the hope is that the new studios will grow to the point that they can break Hollywood's stranglehold on the domestic market and ensure that British films are part of the global viewing diet.

The Americans, of course, are more amused than threatened by the imminent launch of British studios. They note that the £39 million to be assigned to each winning consortium is barely enough to finance a single Hollywood blockbuster. The budget for 20th Century Fox's Titanic, for example, is rumoured to be

Jeffrey Berg, chairman of International Creative Management, of Beverly Hills, the world's largest talent agency said: This will help the British start a studio system, but it is something they should have done 20 years ago. Hollywood has such a head start."

Hollywood is not trembling with fear, but the consoctiums are trembling with excitement. The novel use of lottery money will mark a sea change in the development of the British film industry. Mr Denton said: "What we intend to do is provide a structure for the industry and create studios that have continunity and are able to work across the whole range of film making."

There is no doubt the British will be hosting the most raucous parties at Cannes on Thursday.

# Help for the technophobic

Computers Don't Bite: The Beginner's Guide

Carol Vorderman hosts a six-part series produced by the Warchdog team and aimed at anybody (and that probably means millions of us) who feels nervous about coming to grips with the computer age. Vorderman is joined by Adrian Chiles of Working Lunch and the Watchdog reporter, Andy Webb, and the emphasis is on the computer and the watchdog reporter, and the computer state of the computer of the com everyday applications. Tonight, Vanessa Fe has never had a mobile phone or used the internet tries both and the flame-haired Anne McKevitt from Home Front uses a computer to redesign a couple's living room. Look out in a future programme for the Dorset vicar who improved his parish magazine with a desktop publishing kit and tips from Cosmopolitan magazine.

Channel 4, 9.00pm

You could hardly find writers more different than Alan Bleasdale, author of disturbing social dramas such as The Boys From the Blackstuff and GBH, and Francis Durbridge, master of the urbane thriller. But Bleasdale is a Durbridge fan and Melissa is his re-working of Durbridge's 1962 BBC serial. It is more a homage than a pastiche, with the first three episodes (of five) forming a prequel to the first three episodes (of five) forming a prequel to the original story. Admirers of the Durtaridge style may miss the rattling pace, the ingenious twists and the famous cliffnangers. There is not even much suspense, at least in the opening episode which charts the shipboard romance of Jennifer Ehle's mesmerising Mellssa and Tim Dutton's gallant war reporter. But there is a morder or three to remind us that this is a thriller and, perhaps, to signal more Durbridge-like things to some signal more Durbridge-like things to come.

#### Tales From the Riverbank

"There's a front out there... nice fish... might just catch it." Thus Geoffrey Palmer, in his luguiriously staccato style, launching a six-part series on angling. Palmer, it emerges, is a dedicated lisherman, though he seems destined not to catch anything. Perhaps this will provide the chow, with a running one Toles from the show with a running gag. Tales From the Riverbank calls itself a natural history, so as well

Geoffrey Palmer (BBC2, 9.30pm)

as hearing from anglers we are treated to exquisite underwater footage of what they are trying to land. The opening programme, though, is more about people than fish and attempts to express the singular attraction of an activity in which anticipation can be just as exciting as achievement. anticipation can be just as exciting as achievement.
Among the enthusiasts featured is Bernard
Venables of the Mr Crabtree books. He started fishing at the age of six and is still doing so in his

#### BBC2, 11.15pm

Ruby Wax has practised her cheeky interviewing technique mainly on location, most famously in the home of the Duchess of York. For this new series of talk shows, going out three nights a week from Monday to Wednesday, she is based in the studio. It may cramp her style a little, but do not bet on it. No more than with Have I Got News For You is it possible to say definitely who the guests will be, but the provisional list for the first week suggests that Wax is moving away from the usual run of showbusiness celebrities. Dame Muriel Spark, who rarely gives television interviews, is an who rarely gives television interviews, is an intriguing candidate for the Wax treatment, as is another novelist, Janice Galloway. Marianne Faithfull, Eddie Izzard and John Simpson are also pencilled in, while the excitable Lucinda Lambton

should provide a specially boisterous encounter

The Grass is Singing Radio 4, 10.45pm

There are some writers one comes to when their star is in the ascendant and there are others whose work mysteriously passes one by for all too long. I had read nothing by Doris Lessing until her Booker-shortlisted novel The Good Terrorist Booker-shortisted novel The Good. Terrorist appeared a decade ago. That book showed me what I had been missing but I have still not properly explored the back-catalogue of this marvellously atmospheric writer. So Book at Bedtime gets no complaints from me for going, back to 1950 for Lessing's The Grass is Singing, abridged in ten parts by Pamela Grace. The story of a young white woman living an outwardly comfortable life who becomes obsessed with a black capter is set in Lessing's parties Phodusis.

# black servant is set in Lessing's native Rhodesia. .

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The Monday Play: Pacific Dreams Radio 4, 7.45pm

There is a strong impression of the autobiographical in this play by Godfrey Hamilton, though such a conclusion is really only based on the fact that Hamilton moved from Britain to Hawaii in 1988, as does his central character, Hugh, in the 1988, as does his central character, Hugh, in the play. With a dronken father and a recently terminated gay affair, Hugh is entitled to be bitter about the state of Britain, even if his distillusion sounds extreme. Hugh is essentially looking for Mr Right, but the making of the play is in the sharp observation and the authenticity of the dialogue as Hugh's odyssey takes him to Honolulu via Arizona and Los Angeles. The casting of The Monday Play is always top class: Mark Bonnar as Hugh and Mark Pinkosh as Joe skine here. Peter Barnard

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Circumstance Merch No 4 in G): Dohnanyi (Violin Concerto No 2 in C minor)

9.00 Morning Collection. Perny Gore continues her survey of music by Berwald: includes Wagner. (Overture Tarnhäuser); Schumern (Grodeszeren, Op 15; Berwald (Grand Septet in B list)

10.00 Musical Encounters, with Flore Tellorgton. Includes Trad (Bonchidal Rillos Magyar); Kodely (Hary Jenos); Strauss (Andarte); Bartok (Folk Songs from Csiló; Haydn (Symphory No 60 in C. Il Distratib); Coler Meriteanto (Valintonven Laulu); Bizet (Deux Esquisses Musicales); Besthoven (Horn Sonata No 60 in C); Abrachtsberger (Concerto in E for Jew's Harp and Mandors)

12.00 Composer of the Week; Franz Leher

1.00pm Newes; BEC Lunchtime Concent. Live from St John's, Smith Square, London, Vogler Quartet, Schubert (Shing Quartet in G, D881)

2.00 The BBC Orchestras, BBC National Orchestra of Wales, under Mark Wigglesworth, With Steven Isseria, cello, Verdi (Overture, The Force of Destiny); Shostalovich (Cello Concerto No 1); Rachmaninov (Symphory No 2 in E minor)

3.45 Everything but the Crazyhouse, Russel Davies concludes his shoper series tracing the carser of the secontonist Schrey Bechet, Sechet spent the lest pert of his life liking peacefully in Parls where he won the acclaim and love of the French public.

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12.25pm Brain of Britain. The first round of the nationwide general knowledge quiz reaches the Midlands and East Anglia. Chaired by Robert Robinson 12.55 Weather.

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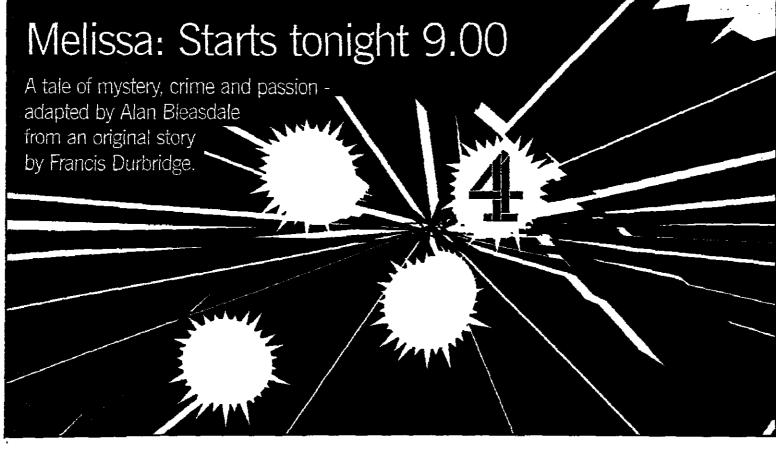
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# Degradation, death, destruction: such fun

end for culture, I in atraid. Nobody turned up to see the Bolshoi dance, the Venice Opera House stood in smouldering ruins and the new, big budget drama from the BBC ... turned out to be full of cornedians. A disaster for culture vultures then, but for sofa philistines it proved something of a treat

Last night's Dancing for Dollars (Channel 4) was a special delight, suffering from none of the drawbacks that normally afflict ballet documentaries, such as, er, ballet. This - to embrace the vernacular - was the story of a cultural cock-up, how the Bolshoi Ballet went to Las Vegas and discovered that nobody wanted to see them. It was almost as much fun as The House, the wickedly intrusive series about the Royal Opera House.
"We sold 44 tickets today," furned Ed Martin, a man

the prize for the world's most not perform in Los Angeles." unlikely ballet impresario. Only a handful of delicious minutes earlier he had been all-American enthusiasm. "Everyone wants to see greatness — whether it's Superbowl, the Olympics or ballet." A loyal band of investors from deepest, darkest Oklahoma were right behind him, to the tune of \$1.8 million. They didn't know much about ballet but they had been to a couple of great ice-skating shows. "If it was anything like that we thought we would surely enjoy it," said one elderly woman who gamely pitched up to watch her savings disappear in a

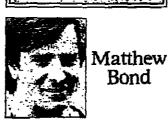
flurry of furious subtitles. Where are the instruments?" "Where is the orchestra pit?" "Where is the set?" asked a succession of cross-looking Russians. Meanwhile, back in the booking office, Marin was already praying for a miracle. "If I don't pay them, the little shits will

Opinion was split as to what precisely the problem was. As archive footage of earlier sell-out successes compounded the damage, the managing director of the Bolshoi blamed the decadence of Las Vegas: "Sitting down all day. pressing buttons — that's not culture, it's degradation." Martin. by contrast, was fast coming to the conclusion that the American public were far more discerning than even he had given them credit for. They knew the Bolshoi was not what it had been. "People believe this is the bullshit Bolshoi, not the

The local stage manager was, diplomatically, somewhere in between. "We had no class before, we've got a little bit now." His recipe for commercial success? "If there was a nude ballet, we wouldn't have a theatre big enough." Hold that thought, be-

real deal."

REVIEW ...



cause somehow it leads us to Jonathan Creek (BBC1, Saturday). It took up where Crime Traveller left off (it's possible that the respective heroines even share the same mansion block), as an offbeat drama considered sufficiently undernanding to get 11 million or so of us through Saturday night.

But unlike its predecessor, it had a

certainty of purpose and a sure-

ness of execution that means, in

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the looking-glass world of televi-sion ratings, it probably won't. So. as insurance, the producers made this feature-length, opening epi-sode rather rude. The fact that I thought it was also rather good is. of course, entirely unrelated. The victim fit was Saturday

night, there had to be a victim) was Hedley Shale (Colin Baker) an artist who conveniently specialised in the female nude, which meant the production could be littered with eye-catching canvases and glamorous models. Someone had shot him and if I tell you that the woman who did it wore only a silk blouse and a revolver that rather captures the lubricious style of Marcus Mortimer's direction. A kiss was not a greeting unless it was accompanied by a fondled bosom, a revolver not a revolver unless it was fired by toes attached to a very, very long pair of legs. Now, all this enjoyable but

gratuitous titillation may have

Caroline Oventin and Alan Davies may be many things but conventionally sexy they are not, and for some time it looked like we might get through an enjoyable whodunit without any of that unresolved sexual tension stuff at all. But then David Renwick's otherwise-inspired typewriter ran away with him and, before we knew it, our couple were enjoying a significant moment over the levitation board.

been to make up for the essentially

untivillating nature of our central

couple (it was Saturday night,

there had to be a central couple).

7 ith two comedians in the central roles, the produc-Y Y ers wisely packed the cast with established character actors: Baker (who despite his early exit managed to regenerate instalment of The Knock), Sheila Gish as his magnificently fearsome wife and Anthony Head as a

lascivious, bosom-fondling magician. But Quentin and Davies more than held their own in such company, with Davies in particular turning in a nicely understated performance as the trick-designing, windmill-dwelling Creek. Helped by Julian Stewart Lindsay's catchy reworking of Saint-Saens's Danse Macabre, a promising start.

Until last night, my sum total of knowledge about La Fenice. Venice, was that it was burnt down last year, possibly by the Malia. That remained the sum total of my knowledge for about 23 minutes of the distinctly unrevealing The Works: A Death In Venice (BBC2), when the building contractors - allegedly anxious to avoid fines for late completion — were added to the list of suspects. What else? A violinist played hauntingly amid the no-longer smouldering ruins - but we philistines knew

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11.05 The Great Escape Magazine focusing on the real-life experiences of holidaymakers (7130386) :11.35 Change That from Glasgow (6341760)

12.00 News (1) and weather (8300657) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (8048763) 12.35 Going for a Song A new series of the antiques panel game (9489763)

, 1.00 News (T) and weather (46638) . 1.30 Regional News (86723676) 1.40 The Weather Show (99992763): 1.45 Neighbours (T) (40812305) . 2.10 Quincy (6651367) 2.55 Through the Keyhole with Paul Ross

and Lorraine Chase (6310560) 3.20 Skepper on Style Recreate Victorian Interior design (6454831) 3.30 Playdays (8273831) 3.50 Monster Cafe

(6794725) 4.05 The New Yool Bear Show (5633473) 4.10 Casper (4157015) 4.35 50/50 (9526960) 5.05 Newsround (T) (5964657) 5.10 Blue Peter (T) (6329589) 5.35 Neighbours (f) (T) (203855)

6.00 News (T) and weather (265) . 6.30 Regional News (367) . 7.00 Auntie's TV Favourities Griff Phys Jones discusses his career, Jimmy Hill looks lorward to the FA Cup Final; Tony Blackburn pays homage to Hi-De-Hilt a

visit with Sir Jimmy Savile (1) (6560) 7.30 Here and Now Investigation into the unacceptable level of violence faced by nursing staff in hospital accident and emergency departments, and a profile of Britain's only remaining fighthouse keeper as he prepares to leave bis post once and for all (1) (251)

she pays Joe a visit and Grant tells Lorraine of his plans to play happy families (T) (2980)

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8.30 Only Fools and Horses One of Del's old flames turns up out of the blue. Will the flames of love reignite or will Rodney and Grandad extinguish any passion? (r) (T)

9.00 News (T) and weather (2657). 9.30 Panòrama: Water Torture Michael Robinson asks who is to blame for the water crisis and challenges those who

run the inclustry to defend their record (T) (424589) 70.10 Alive (1992) with Ethan Hawke and Vincent Spano. A grim, fact-based drama about a group of South American youngsters who survive a plane crash in the Andes and endure unspeakable hard-ships when the search party is called off. Directed by Frank Marshall (1052183)

12.10 Absent Without Leave (1992) Cralg McLechlan stars as a soldier who goes AWOL during the Second World War. Directed by John Laing (329831) 1.15am Weather (4646110)

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# 6.00am Open University: Images of

Education (8492831) 6.25 Rich Mathematical Activities (I) (8488638) 6.50 Play and the Social World (I) (8962251) 7.15 News (3854541) 7.30 Teenege Mutant Hero Turties (r) (8076893) 7.55 Blue Peter (r) (I) (1166251) 8.20 Bump (3175522) 8.25 Open a Door (r) (6389102) 8.35 Recoons (r) (3267725) 9.00 TV6 (97299) 9.30 (d Paris (7516028) 9.45 Weich Out 9.30 ici Paris (7516928) 9.45 Watch Out (7504183) 10.06 Teletubbles (21831) 10.30 Go for # (4768367) 10,50 Look and Read Special (4771831) 11.10 Zig Zag (6636725) 11.30 Ghoshwiter (2102) 12.00 Teaching Today (54873)

12.30pm Working Lunch (37305) 1.00 History File (22371638) 1.25 Landmarks (70520251) 1.45 Storytime (86700725) 2.00 Bump (30095928) 2.05 Open a Door (30094299) 2.10 Alias Smith and Jones (7340560) 3.00 News (F) (6458657) 3.05 The Phil Silvers Show (7165909) 3.30 Blockbusters (2488893) 3.55 News (T) (5537831) 4.00 Blockbusters (5514980) 4.25 Ready,

Steady, Cook (5524367) 4.55 Esther: Meeting the Queen Mother Anecdoles (1412893) 5.30 Today's the 6.00 The Simpsons (T) (476134)

6.25 Space Precinct (r) (1) (684657)



Carol Vorderman (7.30pm)

Computers Don't Bite: The Beginner's Guide A new sixpart series presented by Carol Vorderman. Tonight, Anne McKevitt puts a home decorating software package through its paces (7) (893)

8.00 Top. Gear Motorsport The Prodrive's new Subaru raily car, motorcycle world championship in Luxembourg and the search for Britain's rising stars in junior single-seated formula racing (T) (9562) 8.30 The Antiques Show Monty Don joins a group of antique buyers in Paris; a guide to buying at auction; teenage collectors with a passion for antiques (1) (9657) 9.00 Tili Death Us Do Part (r) (8909)

Teles from the Riverbank Go fishing with Geoffrey Palmer (17541) 10.00 Game On Comedy series (78164)

10.28 Video Nation Shorts (175763) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (365657) Ruby A new, Unice-weekly chat show with Ruby Wax

(690015) 11.55 The Phil Silvers Show (r) (153164) 12.30em Learning Zone: Open University: Outsiders in — Muslims in Europe (42508) 1.30 Picasso's Colleges (96357) 2.00 Nightschool TV: Cats' Eyes (65431) 4.00 BBC Focus: Italia 2000 (21416) 4.30

RCN Nursing Update (16394)

Royal Institution Discourse (23665) 5.30

6.00am GMTV (4786034) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (6685812) 9.55 Regional News (3010947)

10.00 The Time, the Place (25657) 10,30 This Morning (62939218) 12.20pm Regional News (T) (8399541) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9475560) 12.55 The Pulse (9450251)

1.25 Home and Away (T) (70548657) 1,50 Danielle Steef's Palomino with Lee Horsley, Lindsay Forst and Eva Marie Saint Romantic drama about a successtul temale photographer (3021638)

3.20 News (T) (6465947) 3.25 Regional News and weather (6464218) 3,30 Tots TV (r) (6718305) 3.40 Caribou Kitchen (7339812) 3.50 Cartoon Time (7335096) 4.00 Scooby Doo (5541034) 4.25 The Famous Five (T) (4147638) 4.50

The Big Bang (T) (1804522) 5.10 Sorted Magazine series tocusing on teanagers problems (T) (7038473) 5.40 News (1) and weather (260183) 5.59 HTV Crimestoppers (768676)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (371580) 6.25 HTV Weather (920589) 6.30 The West Tonight (T) (763) 7.00 Wish You Were Here? Featuring Kenya, the medieval German towns of Hamburg

and Lübeck, and the Abaco Islands in the Bahamas (T) (8928) 7.30 Coronation Street Alma gets herself a new job (T) (947) 8.00 World in Action A report on the vigilante mobs who are taking the law into their own hands to control paedophiles in their

8.30 The Freddie Starr Show Slapstick comedy and sketches with unpredictable funnyman (1) (6183)



Ethical dilemma for Robert (9.00pm)

9,00 Bramwell Marsham learns his wife had breast cancer (T) (5305) 10.00 News (1) and weather (11198) 10.30 Regional News (1) (763305) 10.40 The West Story A focus on local life

11.40 Hunter The adventures a plain-clothes detective and his female partner (r) (766522)

12.40em Empire City (1991) with Michael Pare, Mary Mara and Beau Starr. Contemporary film noir about an unorthodox, streetwise detective who is paked with a new ternale partner to solve a murder investigiation. Directed by Mark Rosner (4349787)

2.05 Mainly Men (f) (4880961) 2.35 Club Nation (r) (T) (7347394) 3.35 God's Gift (r) (3167400) 4.35 World in Action (1) (1) (72926665) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (43023) 5.30 News (16348)

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9450251) 1,50 Blue Heelers (8815251) 2.50-3.20 High Road (2702589) 3.50 Cartoon Time (7335096) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7038473) 6.25-7.00 Central News (934164) 10.40 Film: The Island (31070831)

2.45 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol (8901874)

12.45am War of the Worlds (433619)

1.45 Stand and Deliver (422503)

3.10 Film: The Lost Hours (6816771)

WESTCOUNTRY As HTV West except: 12.55cm Home and Away (9450251) 1.25 High Road (22376183) 1.55 Murder, She Wrote (8823270) 2.50-3.20 Westcountry Update (2702589)

5.10-5.40 Home and Away (7038473) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (68562) 10.30 Westcountry News (754657) 10.45 A Tale of Three Farms (793305) 11.15 Love at First Sight (790218)

11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (706247) MERIDIAN As HTV West except:

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10.45 The Pier (2509Rf) 11.10 The Listings (172299) 11.15 Swift Justice (160299) 12.10am Meridian Focus (2666868) 5.00 Freescreen (43023)

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2.50-3.20 Crawshaw Paints Constable Country (2702589) 3.50 Bugs Bunny Disney Cartoon (7335096) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (7038473) 6.25-7.00 Angila News (934164)

10.40 Post-Election Political Debate (830386) 11.40 Highlander (766522)

\$4C Starts: 6.00am Sesame Street (31893) 7.00 The Big Breskfast (69589) 9.00 Bewi (82367) 9.30 Ysgolion (796305) 12.00 Right to Reply (95831) 12.30pm Montel Williams (22473) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (27926152) 1.15 Smot y Ci (22978657) 1.30 Istanders (80259541) 1.50 Film: Next to No Time (46160657) 3.30 Collector's Lot (541) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (676) 4.30 Garden Party (560) 5.00 5 Pump (4538473) 5.10 Ffeli (4522657) 5.20 Gogs (5952812) 5.30 Countdown (812) 6.00 Newyddion (635909) 6.05 Heno (771706) 6.35 Sion a Stan (997251) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (125367) 7.25 Taro Naw (688893) 8.00 Clwb Garddio (5218) 8.30 Newyddion (4725) 9.00 Valley Giris (49/909) 9.35 C U Burn (92/893) 10.05 Sgorio (76/522) 11.05 Planet Showbiz (127589) 11.35 Film: Maximum Overdrive (649947) 1.25am NBA Raw (58/3787)

# BANGE A 6.00am Sesame Street (r) (31893) 7.00 The Big Breakfast (69589) 9.00 Bewitched (r)

9.30 Schools: Geography Junction 9.45 Book Box 10.00 Stage Two Science 10.15 Schools at Work 10.20 Off the Walls 10.40 The English Programme 11.05 Encyclopedia Galactica 11.15 The Mix 11.30 Rat-A-Tat-Tat 11.45 Living and

Growing (796305) 12.00 Right to Reply (r) (T) (95831)

12.30pm Light Lunch (25299) 1.30 Man on a Tightrope (1953) with Fredric March, Gioria Grahame and Terry Moore Cold War drama about a circus owner in Eastern Europe determined to escape to the West with his troupe. Directed by Elia kazan (T) (35812)

3.30 Collector's Lot (1) (541) 4.00 Filteen-To-One (T) (676) 4.30 Countdown (T) (560) 5.00 Montel Williams (T) (9034) 5.30 Pet Rescue (T) (812)

6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper (1) (725) 6.30 Hollyoeks Ruth regrets her hasty words (T) (305)

7.00 Channel Four News (1) (626928)

7.50 Rhyme and Reason A short season of poems relating to science (T) (824386) 8.00 Mrs Cohen's Money: Savings (5/6) Bernice Cohen looks at how to prepare for a financially secure retirement. She examines tax-exempt schemes, takes advice on pre-packaged policies and meets a couple who have taken out one

of the most expensive pension plans or the market (T) (5218) 8,30 The Entertainers (4/5) Twenty-year-old singer Tara Lee contemplates her first professional performance and Lynn and



Tim Dutton and Jennifer Ehle (9pm)

9.00 Meliasa (1/5) Alam Bleasdale's murder mystery about a war correspondent who talls for a mysterious woman. With Jenniler Ehle, ues tomorrow (T) (7457270)

10.25 Dark Skies Aliens infillrate the anti-Vietnam movement (T) (931454) 11,25 Cheers Carla disapproves of Eddie's new skaling partner (r) (T) (100812)

11.55 NBA Rew Playoff action (793676) 12.55am NYPD Blue Simone investigates a bomber (r) (T) (7021955)

1.45 10-7 for Life Following Carol Banks as she prepares to leave the Toronto police after 15 years service (r) (5240077)
2.50 My Learned Friend (1943, b/w) Black larce starring and directed by Will Hay A former convict decides to murder all

With Mervyn Johns (5391394) 4.10 Watching the Detectives (r) (T) (5519597) 5.10 There Lived a Man Called Kozyavin (8031313) **5.20** Backdare (r) (T) (9900348)

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6.00am 5 News Early (8899763) 7.30 Hayakazoo (5644183) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Pairol (859430a)

8.30 WideWorld Examining Minitel, the unique French torerunner of the Internet. interactive systems and teleshopping (8593676) 9.00 Espresso (2531928) 10.00 Exclusive (7101541) 10.30 Attractions (r) (8573812)

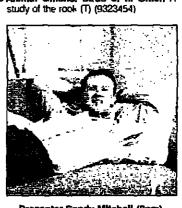
11.00 Leeza (9240812) 11.50 Double Espresso Beautiful (T) (8564164) 12.30am Family Alfairs (r) (T) (4676183) 1.00 5 News Update (49992102) 1.05 Sunset

Beach (T) (3653725) **2.00** 5's Company (7175454) 3.30 Wuthering Heights (1970) with Anna Calder-Marshall, Timothy Dalton, Pamela Browne and Harry Andrews Handsome but hurried adaptation of Emily Bronte's

tale of documed love. Directed by Robert Fuest (8860251) 5,30 100 Per Cent (9346305)

6.00 Whittle (T) (9343218) 6.30 Family Affairs Annie discovers some money is missing from the petty cash (T)

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz gossip (7962021) 7.30 Animal Omens: Birds of Ili Omen A study of the rook (T) (9323454)



Presenter Sandy Mitchell (8pm)

8.00 Hot Property Sandy Mitchell guides a retired couple through the property market (7162229)

8.30 5 News (8617314)

9.00 Return of the Swamp Thing (1989) with Louis Jordan, Heather Locklear and Dick Durock Science fiction thriller about a half-vegetable that he creates. Directed by Jim Wynorski (2247299) 10.30 Bring Me the Head of Light

Entertainment Comedy improv show with Graham Norton (8574541) 11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (5999980)

11.40 We Know Where You Live Comedy sketches and spoots with Simon Pegg (5317589)

12.10am Live and Dangerous Through the night sports magazine presented by Dominik Diamond and Trish Adudu. Includes at 2.00 coverage of the Winter X-Games (91370067)

4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4168481) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (2416665)

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SKY 1
6.00am Morning Glory (185299) 9.00 Regis and Justinis Lee (42544) 10.00 Another World (93560) 11.00 Days of Our Tues (90096) 12.00 The Oprah Winfrey Snow (63744) 1.00pm Geratic (49184) 2.00 Saly Jessy Raphael (46164) 3.00 Jenny Jones (7229) 4.00 Oprah Winfrey Snow (84783) 5.00 Star Trek. The Need Generation (3015) 6.00 Real TV (9305) 8.30 Merried — With Children (9197) 7.00 The Simpacris (4744) 7.30 M\*A\*S\*H (9541) 8.00 Sar Trek Voyager (72265) 9.00 Politageist: The Legacy (84251) 10.00 Star Trek The Need Generation (41619) 12.00 America's Dumbest Cominals (44145) 12.30mm LA P.D. (32668) 1.00 Ht Max Long Play (9201077)

SKY 2 7.00pm Superroy (Saracro) 7.30 Superboy (3163812) 8.00 Love and Betray al. The Max Farton Story (7308388) 10.00 The Outer Limbs (7385893) 11:00 Late Show with David Letterman (4236857) 12.00 He Min Long Play (4492058) SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with building on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week SKY MOVIES 5.00sm Jules Verne's 900 Langues Down the Amezon (1894) (295:1) 7.30 Tender is the Night (1997) (7563:2) 10.00 The Sketsboard Kid (1893) (6059) 11.30 The Hasty Heart (1963) (482725) 2.00pm The Lies Boys Trif (1894) (6625) 1 2.30 Jules Vespe's 800 Langues, Down the Amazon (1894) (1508) 5.00 The Sketsboard Kid (1893) (3028) 7.00 The Sketsboard Kid (1893) (3028) 7.00 The Stotahoard Rid (1983) (30473) 9.00 Congo (1985) (32273) 11.00 Heavy (1985) (390034) 12.50em Object of Objectsion (1984) (217400) 2.25 The Unspotent Truth (1995) (327367) 3.55 Solitaire for Two (1994) (92737) 5.35 Tender is the Night (1985) (88841597)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00mm The Gheat Ship (1943) (8778367) 7.15 1 Walled with a Zombie (1943) (4388386) B.20 My Little Pony: The Movie (1986) (21003) 10.00 The Treesure of Pancho Vilin (1983) (47537367) 11.50 Never Give Up: The Jenny V Story (1986) (38223473) 1.25pm The Battle of the Vilin Florita (1985) (59231454) 3.15 Red Tops (1985) (595473) 4.30 Bersands Triangle (1986) (80270) 8.00 Alone in the Woods (1985) (80270) 8.00 Alone in the Woods (1985) (1983) 7.30 E Festures (2251) 8.00 Bins of Silence (1996) (91541) 10.00 Bed Boys (1985) (5909) 12.00 Bitter Venguence (1994) (346708) 1.35em Past Totas (1994) (111313) 3.10 Puppetmester V (1994) (4971865) 4.35 The Black Tutip (1985) (7002767)

SKY MOVIES GOLD 6.00pm The Major and the Minor (1942) (2002164) 8.00 The Squesze (1967) (2014909) 10.00 Top Gum (1986) (468267) 11.52 Two Minute Warning (1976) (5341909) 1.50am Cheens Logic (1981) (6377655) 3.45-5.35 Hemen Knows, Mr. Alileon (1957) (4827232)

9.00pm Katherine Hepburn: All About Me (90805744) 10.20 Woman of the Year (1962) (56526541) 12.15am Sunday in New York (1963) (26246636) 2.15-5.00 Some Came Running (1958) (76811961)

SKY SPORTS 1

7.00mm Sunday League Cristet (70980) 9.30 Reeng News (50305) 9.00 World of Speed and Beauty (41657) 9.30 Aerobics. Oz Style (87947) 10.00 Watersports World (48034) 11.00 Uw Benson and Hedges Cup Cricket (5949909) 7.00pm Sports Centre (2828) 7.30 Futbol Mundal (4831) one A. Sesson in Bensember How the Centre (2863) 7.30 Hugos Mutual (463); 9.00 A Season to Remember: How the Premiership Was Won 1995-1997 (48015); 10,00 Sports Centre (25522) 10,30 Senson and Hedges: Cup Cricket (88102) 12,00 Sports Centre (99519) 12,30em A Season to Remember: How the Premiership Was Wor 1996-1997 (13400) 2,30-3,00 Sports Centre (55110)

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00 Skill Selling (15264893) 12.30pm Football Special (32749657) 3.00 Women's Tennis: Italian Open (65706522) 5.00 Watersports World (80617831) 6.00 The Washsporis World (\$7545812) 8.00 Worm-eris Goff (37546541) 9.00 Wresting: In Your House (37536528) 11.00-11.30 Foot-ball Hell of Fame (69720560)

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UK GOLD

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GRANADA PLUS 6.00am The Box (4595034) 7.00 Classic Coronation St (8431367) 7.30 Families (8443102) 8.00 Surprise, Surprise (1583676) 9.00 The Professionals (7572305) 10.00 Richard and Judy Exclu-(8407299) 10.30 Doctor on the Go (9658831) 11.00 Within These Walls (6429522) 12.00 Classic Coronation St [642622] 12.00 Classic Coronation St (9849183) 12.30pm Families (1902283) 1.00 Crown Court (6430638) 1.30 The Good Life Guide (2553724) 2.00 A Family at War (9408928) 3.00 Upstairs, Domestains (9668270) 4.00 Surprise, Surprise (9607305) 5.00 The Protectionals (2639015) 5.00 Families (2492783) 6.30 Classic Coronation St (2482015) 7.00 Surprise, Surprise (6754783) 8.00 Upstairs, Commetains (6730183) 9.00 Classic Corona-fien St (9630388) 9.30 The Coronation ion St (9803589) 9.30 The Cornections 10.00-11.00 The Prof

THE DISNEY CHANNEL 6,00em Mouse Tracks (\$128541) 6,25 Cueck Attack (\$147676) 6,50 Bonkers (\$740386) 7,15 Little Mermaid (\$542314)



7.40 Aladdin (4229947) 8.05 Quack Pack (2402102) 8.30 Goot Troop (76367) 9.00 Care Beas (4484725) 9.25 Pooh Corner (4496560) 9.50 Muppet Balses (3391095) 10.15 Grounding Marsh (8275116) 10.49 Sing Me a Story (1180744) 11.05 Mouse and Mole (2699454) 11.10 Big Garage (4209763) 11.25 Lamb Chop (3757015) 11.55 Fraggie Rock (8468164) 12.20pm Trinon and Pumpaa (7752036) 12.30 Boy Meets World (9006744) 1.85 Timon and Pumpaa (8077299) 1.15 Mouse Tracks (125960) 1.45 Aladdin (80291386) 2.10 Goot Troop (24389034) 2.38 Bonivers (81458762) 3.00 Quack Allack (9644812) (125980) 1,45 Aladdin (81291386) 2,10 Cool Troop (24590394) 2,35 Bonkers (6145582) 3,00 Chack Atlack (984812) 3,35 Thron and Pymbes (2406484) 3,35 Little Mermeld (8487102) 4,00 Timon and Pymbes (352454) 4,10 Goof Troop (805947) 4,30 Every Day's a Chooselder (552454) 4,10 Goof Troop (805947) 4,30 Every Day's a Chooselder (552454) 4,10 Goof Troop (805947) 4,30 Every Day's a Chooselder (552454) 4,10 Every Day's a Chooselder (552454) 4,10 Every Day's a Chooselder (552454) 4,10 Every Day's (552547) 4,30 Every Day's (552547) 4,30 Every Day's (552547) 4,30 Every (552 and Purmosa (3:331 to) 2-35 anguy Lucos (95357) 6.00 New Doug (4201) 6.30 Boy Meats World (1183) 7.00 Brotherly Love (5270) 7.30 FILLIE Except to Which Mountain (27569) 9.00 Bons Chilers (85763) 9.30-10.00 Libr's Work (27589)

FOX KIDS NETWORK 6,00am Three Little Shorts (9435541) 6,30 Inspector Geolgel (9754947) 7,00 Settutal

Pzza Cats (4226909) 7.30 Alien Rangers (4238744) 8.00 Beetleborgs (2496251) 8.30 Crocadoo (249522) 9.00 Rimbas Island (2419102) 9.30 The Magic Box (1587744) 9.45 Dudley the Dragon (3114183) 10.15 Parthas Island (8643218) 10.30 The Magic Box (2415386) 11.00 Jin Jin and the Panda Pterol (6661990) 11.30 Pinocchio (6679909) 12.00 Inspector Gaoget (2406309) 12.30 pm VR Tinopers (10817386) 12.45 Alien Rangers (8371086) 11.15 Beetleborgs (93011541) 1.36 Eek Stravegariza (4243454) 2.00 Life with Louis (3372454) 2.30 Crocadoo (3182947) 3.00 Gadger Boy (3391549) 2.30 Eek Stravegariza (8154184) 4.00 Life with Louis (3172454) 4.50 Alien Rangers (3102183) \$.00 Beetleborgs (3399034) 5.30 Spiderman (3180763) 6.00 X Man (3183566) 6.30-7.00 Gaosebumps (3174928)

8.00mm Road to Auoniea (77657) 7.00 Dennis the Menace (17980) 8.00 Batman (73270) 8.30 An Attack (72541) 9.00 Flach Gordon (63950) 9.30 Booby's World (87693) 10.00 Creepy Crewiers (28305) 10.30 Robinson Sucroe (82305) 11.00

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# Pound faces pressure as Bank steers away from higher rates

By Alasdair Murray

THE POUND is expected to face a bumpy ride again this week after Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, hinted that the Bank was satisfied with last week's quarter-point rise in base rate.

The Bank issues its quarterly inflation bulletin tomorrow - its first since it won operational independence from the new Government. It is expected to say there is no immediate need to raise rates further.

after rumours that the Government may re-enter the European exchange-rate mechanism at DM2.50 and a sustained self-off of the US dollar on foreign exchanges. The pound fell eight pfennigs from a post-ERM high of DM2.82 to finish the week at DM2.74.

The Treasury has fiercely denied any plans to re-join the ERM, but the market believes that Gordon Brown, Chancellor of the Exchequer, would be more comfort-

the pound, although he made clear that the Bank has no intention of intervening on the foreign exchanges. He added that a lower pound could open the door for

further interest rate rises later in the year. Mr George believes that sterling's strength, based on its safe haven status in Europe and the fact that the UK economy is running ahead of the rest of Europe and Japan, could soon evaporate. The dollar,

Sterling came under pressure last week able with a level closer to DM2.50. Mr which the pound has tracked closely in fifer rumours that the Government may George also welcomed the recent fall in recent months, is also expected to fall, with expectations of US interest rate rises receding and rates upped to rise in Japan. Forex analysts calculate that the pound is still overvalued by about 10 per cent.

Labour's stock market honeymoon, which has seen the FT-SE 100 hit six consecutive new highs, may also end after suggestions yesterday that the planned mini-Budget may be more radical than expected. Mr Brown has also signalled

poration tax (ACT) is likely to be the main. target, although there is growing concern that corporation tax could also be raised. Analysts believe that abolition of ACT could knock about 5 per cent off share prices as pension funds move out of highdividend stocks into other investments.

Mr Brown is in Brussels today for the first meeting of European finance ministers since the election. Most of the single currency would please the City.

that he is preparing a big overhaul of the important single currency business will corporate taxation system. Advance corbe held over to the Amsterdam summit next month, but markets believe that the meeting will give Mr Brown a chance to show his pro European credentials.

Mr Brown is expected to sign two technical agreements, which had been held up by the previous Conservative Government, giving legal status to the euro. His support for a deal ensuring continuity of financial contracts under a

# Labour ready to shake up jobless count

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

THE Government is to launch an urgent review of Britain's unemployment fig-ures, which is likely to result in radical changes to the way that they are compiled and

The review is intended to restore credibility to key figures, which are widely regarded as compromised. One minister said: "We have to get these figures right. So we must set a new benchmark."

The shake-up will be announced on Wednesday with the latest unemployment fig-ures. These are expected to show a further fall from their current level of 1.7 million. Ministers accept the move, when completed, could lead to a nominal increase in unemployment under Labour.

In opposition, Labour was highly critical of the unemployment figures, insisting that the previous Government's 30-nlus changes. since 1979, to the way that they are produced means they do not give a true picture of the number of people out of work.

While ministers recognise that rectifying what they have called the "fiddled" figures on unemployment will be politically difficult, they are determined to restore public credibility to what even independent observers believe has become a debased set of statistics.

Ministers recognise that, by removing the compilation of the unemployment figures from the old Department of Employment and making them the responsibility of the Government's Office for National Statistics (ONS), their standing has been improved because, in part, they have been removed from political interference. But they believe there is more that can be done.

In redistributing some employment responsibilities around Whitehall, including charging the Department of Trade and Industry rather than the Department for Education and Employment with the duty of introducing a national minimum wage, Labour strategists rejected any idea of bringing responsibility for the unemployment figures back into the Education and Employment Department.

The rapid but thoroughgoing review of the jobless totals will draw on work carried out by the ONS, as well as the independent Royal Statistical Society. Studies by both, as well as a range of other analyses, recognise the drawbacks in using the current figures on the number of people out of work and claiming benefit as the principal

measure of unemployment.

The new Government's review will look at the range of unemployment figures published in the United States, which measures joblessness in half a dozen ways, depending on the definition used to say who is without work. Similar in Britain by the independent Employment Policy Institute.

The review is unlikely to recommend the abolition of the monthly count of claimants, which is a necessary administrative check on the level of benefit being paid out. But it will examine closely the groups of people excluded from claiming benefit, as well as the administrative targets set for the Employment Service to reject automatically a number of people making efforts to claim benefit.

The review of the unemployment figures is in line with the Government's wider intention of putting the ONS on a different footing, with a commitment to create a fully independent National Statistical Service. ☐ Pay settlements in the pri-

vate sector are nudging up-wards. Incomes Data Services, the wage research company, says today, with three quarters of firms now paying rises of 3 to 4 per cent. A new study published today by Warwick University says that Europe's working time directive could be a "blessing in disguise" for Brit-ish industry if it encourages employers in the United Kingdom to take more seriously the issue of time at work.

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Helen Liddell, right, with Dawn Primarolo, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, is calling in pension chiefs

# Minister carpets pension chiefs

By Robert Miller

A TREASURY minister has summoned the leaders of Britain's life and pensions companies to demand a prompt resolution of the £4 billion personal pensions misselling scandal.

After only a week in office, Helen Liddell, Economic Secretary to the Treasury, yesterday announced that leaders of 25 of the top UK life companies have been called to a meeting on Wednesday. Ms Liddell, already described by Treasury insiders as a "serious toughie", will tell the chief

executives that efforts to compensate an estimated 550,000 victims, who include miners. nurses, teachers and police officers, have been "pathetic".

The minister, who cannot fine or discipline mis-sellers, will say that the way in which the mis-selling scandal has been tackled will affect the shape of new financial services legislation which is to be drawn up next year. The legislation will also reflect how watchdogs handle future disciplinary problems. Only 7,000 of more than

half a million victims have so far been compensated for having been wrongly advised to transfer out of generous occupational or company pension schemes - or not join in the first place - in favour of personal pension plans.

Before meeting pension mis-sellers, Ms Liddell will hold talks with Colette Bowe. chief executive of the Personal Investment Authority (PIA). which polices firms that sell direct to the public and is overseeing the bulk of the pensions mis-selling review.

Since January. Ms Bowe has held individual meetings with 25 of the tife and pensions companies and independent financial advisers at which she has expressed concern at the lack of progress in compensating victims. The industry bill for compensa-tion and costs associated with the review is expected to top

£4 billion. Ms Bowe has already de-manded from each company a business plan on how it intends to make "substantial progress" by the end of the year.

# Shares in Halifax head for £6 launch

BY GAVIN LUMSDEN

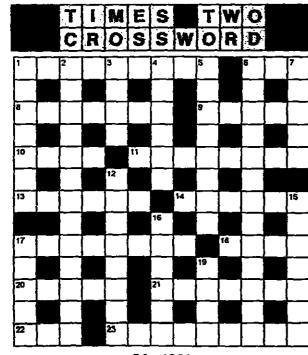
HALIFAX shares could start trading at £6 next month, about 140p more than originally forecast. Anticipating a shortage of stock in the converting building society, institu-tional investors are being forced to up their bids ahead of an auction to be held at the end of the

month, analysts say. This would give the society's 8.5 million members a minimum standard distri-

bution worth £1,200. Alliance & Leicester's share price has risen 100p since its flotation on April 21 as institutional investors fight to get the stock they did not get at auction. Although 26.9 per cent of A&L shares went under the hammer, Mercury Asset Management walked away with the lion's share and is now believed to hold an 8 per cent stake in the new bank on behalf of clients.

James Johnson, banking analyst at Credit Lyonnais. said: "Market-makers don't want to be caught short and driving each suggestion that there will be less Halifax stock available, perhaps only 20 per cent, because of the variable distribution of shares. People with big accounts will get a bigger allocation and will be less inclined to sell straightaway."

The buoyant market and the strength of the financial sector means shares will probably soar from this level. Shares in the Woolwich Building Society, which floats in July, could start trading at 250p, com-pared with the society's original estimate of 188p, netting members £1,125:



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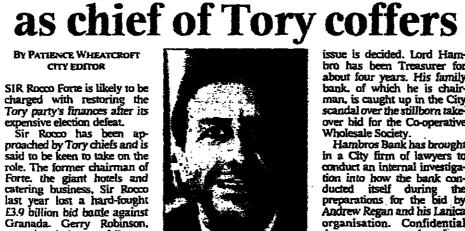
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Forte: keen contender

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bro has been Treasurer for about four years. His family bank, of which he is chairman, is caught up in the City scandal over the stillborn takeover bid for the Co-operative Wholesale Society. Hambros Bank has brought in a City firm of lawyers to conduct an internal investigation into how the bank con-

Andrew Regan and his Lanica organisation. Confidential documents were taken from the Co-op, used in the preparation of the bid and circulated

Sir Rocco has been re-establishing a presence in the hotel industry. He has already announced two hotel projects and a restaurant in the UK and within the next couple of months hopes to conclude the purchase of at least two hotels

# And the winners are

soon after the party leadership

By ERIC REGULY

THE backbone of a genuine British film industry will be formed this week when the Arts Council awards up to £156 million in lottery money to four of 37 British film consortiums created to bid for the funds. The backers include Ewan McGregor, Elton John,

and Richard Branson. Charles Denton, chairman of the Arts Council's Film Advisory Board, will announce the winning consortiums on Thursday afternoon at the Cannes Film Festival Chris Smith. Secretary of State for National Heritage, is expected

at his side. Each of the four winners will receive up to £39 million over six years. The money will be used to help to finance a long list of British films that the Arts Council hopes will keep another wave of British film talent from fleeing to Hollywood. The consortiums bring to

gether producers, financiers and distributors. Most UK film companies are weak in crucial areas, most notably international distribution. Studio Pictures, whose backers include Ewan McGregor, star of Trainspotting, has

recruited Alliance Communications, of Toronto, for international and Electric Pictures for domestic distribution.

The Double Negative consortium ties together Working Title Films, the producer of Four Weddings and a Funeral. and Polygram, one of the world's largest film distributors. The Partners in Film Consortium includes Elton John's Rocket Pictures, the First Independent Distribution company and Guinness Mahon, the merchant bank,

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## Clinton challenges Whitewater call to surrender notes

THE Whitewater affair flared :: surrender the notes because into a public clash yesterday between President Clinton and Kenneth Starr, the molethe issue was a "major constitutional question". It was norisense for Mr Starr to claim that his investigation had been hindered, said Larry pendent prosecutor, over dis-puted notes involving the investigation of Hillary Davis, a White House counsel. Rather, Mr Starr had created Mr Starr claimed that the the dispute by embarking on a

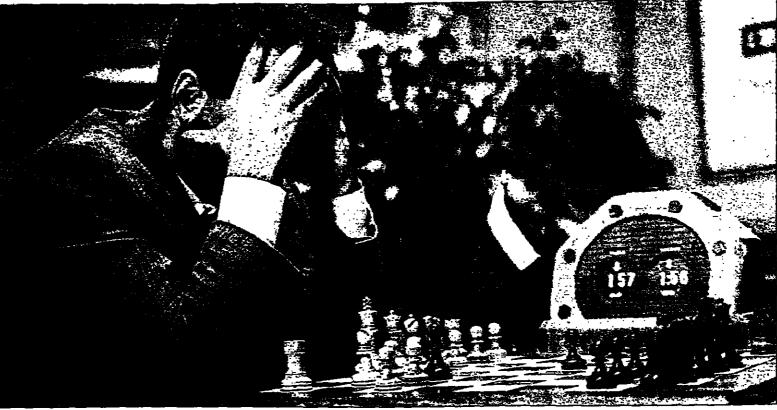
White House refusal to surfishing expedition for render notes of her conversa-In recently unsealed court papers, Mr Starr said Mrs Clinton's testimony had changed over time, reinforcing speculation that Mr Starr tions with its lawyers, on the ground of privilege, was im-peding his investigation. in a speech to newspaper editors in Mr Clinton's home

may be trying to indict her for obstruction of justice. state of Arkansas, Mr Starr declared: "Never in history has this kind of privilege been asserted in a federal criminal Mr Starr is seeking two sets of lawyers notes from meetings with Mrs Clinton. The proceeding." Mr Starr's claim first concerns her activities after the death by gunshot wound of Vincent Foster, dep-uty White House counsel. His may be true in the strictest sense, but Richard Nixon did make much the same argument in vainly trying not to hand over his tapes — giving Whitewater an echo of death was ruled a suicide. The second deals with missing billing records, later found in the White House private quar-

in Little Rock where Mrs Clinton and Foster had been

Mr Starr argues that Mrs privileged because they were with government lawyers, not her private ones. An appeal court ruled in his favour. saying that to use government attorneys as a shield against producing information in a criminal investigation would be a gross abuse of public funds. The White House will appeal to the Supreme Court against the ruling today. Washington is puzzling over

Mr Starr's motive. The information he seeks was apparently covered by Mrs Clinton during her testimony to a Washington grand jury last year. It is unclear why he wants the information again unless, as some lawyers speculate, he failed to win an indictment from the grand



Garry Kasparov goes into battle for the honour of humanity in New York yesterday in the decisive game of his chess duel with the IBM computer Deep Blue (lames Bone writes).

The world's greatest chess champion laboured under the disadvantage of playing black in the final encounter of the six-game match, with the score even at one win each and three draws. The match became a contest

#### Kasparov makes his last stand

between the nimble, intuitive play of the Russian grandmaster and the brute force of his silicon rival, which can calculate 200 million positions a second. Kasparov beat an earlier version of Deep Blue in Philadelphia last year, but he speaks with awe about the latest machine. Chess

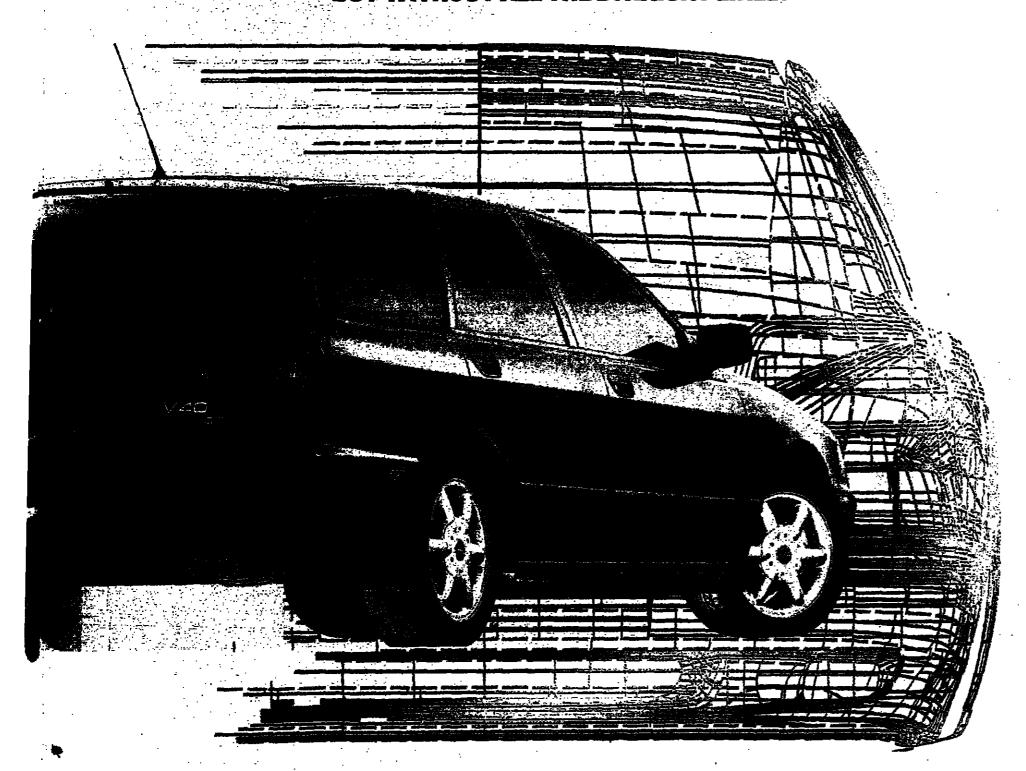
puter is squeezing the creativity of the game into an ever-smaller section of the middle game, and predict darkly that chess may one day no longer be considered difficult enough to play. Even at speeds far faster than Deep Blue, however, it

would still be impossible for a computer to calculate all the estimated 10120 possible paths through a typical chess game.

The champion told a cheering crowd before the match: "I am not afraid to admit that I am afraid. It definitely goes beyond any chess computer in the world."

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#### Titanic's salvagers attacked

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE controversial effort to salvage the Titanic has been denounced by an international museum group for its mishandling of recovered artefacts.

Kevin Fewster, president of the International Congress of Maritime Museums, told The New York Times that items from the wreck lie "scattered across at least eight cities on both sides of the Atlantic".

He said RMS Titantic, the New York-based salvage company, had shown no commitment to "unifying the mass of dive data" although such work would require only two maritime experts and cost \$150,000 (£93,000) — a fraction of the \$20 million the firm has spent on the project. The museum association is opposing the largest American exhibition of Titanic artefacts until the comany improves its preserva-

tion record. The show, in the basement of a Memphis sports arena, presents some 300 objects, ranging from gold coins to a steward's jacket. About 4,000 items have been retrieved from the liner, which sank on its maiden voyage from Southampton to New York in 1912 with the loss of more than

1,500 lives. RMS Titanic says that its top priority has been to conserve objects raised from the wreck and to share them with the public, but insists that it is also committed to providing data to scholars.

#### Pentagon in moral combat

THE American armed forces, struggling to cope with recent women recruits, will try to clarify its rules governing relationships within the

At present the military frowns on what it calls fraternisation between those of differing rank. These rules, the Pentagon said yesterday, were written for combat situations where a relationship could complicate an officer's decision about sending someone into danger.

With the Cold War over, some argue that the rules are too rigid for a largely peaceable world. They are also

confusing. The army, for example, allows dating between officers and other ranks who are assigned to different units. however, prohibit any such close relationship and courtmartials those involved.

The Air Force, the least forgiving service, faces damaging publicity over its pending court martial of the first woman to earn her pilot's wings to fly the B52, an eightengined bomber.
The defendant, Lieutenant

Kelly Flinn, is accused of adultery with a civilian who admits he lied to her that he was legally separated from his wife and getting a divorce. If found guilty, she could be imprisoned and dismissed from the service.

#### Fiji seeks to reforge link to the Crown

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

TEN years after it became a republic, Fiji is negotiating for readmission to the Commonwealth, with its political leaders calling for the Queen to return as the island's constitu-

tional monarch. General Sitiveni Rabuka, who led the 1937 coup against the Crown that led to Fiji's expulsion, has had quiet talks in Luxembourg with senior Commonwealth officials and is likely to make a formal application to be laid before the Commonwealth heads of

government meeting in Edin-burgh in October. His move is said to have delighted the Queen, the head of the Commonwealth, and the Prince of Wales has told diolomats that

he welcomed it. The 1987 coup was largely due to resentment in Fiji at the growing influence of the Indian population, who then made up almost half the population. A revolt supported by indigenous islanders overthrew the government and proclaimed a

#### New from America



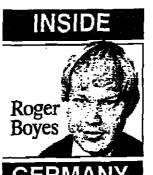
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Bonn's springtime for euro is overshadowed by cloud of sceptics

German glee about Tony Blair. For many suspicious. That is beginning to worry the European Commission, which is sponsoring months the Bonn line was welcome change, but only in tone, not in substance. Now the talk is of deals about to be clinched, not of mood music. It is clear that Helmut Kohl's office deliberately played down its real, very high expectations of a Labour Government, lest overt sup-port from Bonn should back-

a rolling series of "European Weeks" throughout Germany. No expense is being spared to stamp out German scepticism. In Berlin last week the euro was accepted as the coin of the realm by more than 50 supermarkets. boutiques and restaurants. More than 1.3 million pseudo-curos were minted — with the Brandenburg Gate on the fire in the election campaign. Normally sober officials are reverse — special cash tills throwing open their Rhinewere installed, while menus facing windows and bursting and price lists were posted in marks and euros. into song; spring has sprung A McDonald's hamburger



with chips and ice cream cost four euros, or eight marks. After some initial excitement. Berliners became bored with German cash: by the end of the experimental week just over 500,000 curos were in circulation. Most, one suspects, will end up in the pockets of collectors.

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How many more dress rehearsals will Germany need before it comes to accept the euro in place of the mark. token of prosperity and postwar stability?

In fact, Germany has already had one run-in with monetary union — the political merger of 22 German principalities and three free cities in 1871 was sealed by a common currency. Even then there was strong resistance -

blueprint for the present euro arguments. But unlike other attempts - the Latin currency union of 1865 and the Scandinavian union of 1872 — the

unified German mark worked well (the coins were minted on French gold, paid as reparations by the loser of the Franco-Prussian War). Bismarck's mark succeeded because political integra-

tion accompanied, or preceded, the monetary merger every step of the way. German politicians today draw a similar conclusion when they mutter darkly of Maastricht 3 and Maastricht 4 treaties. should Amsterdam produce

only meagre results on political integration. Opinion polis record a

stable scentical constituency: between 55 per cent and 60 per cent of Germans declare against the euro. Will they ever come round? Zealors believe it is only a matter of time and propaganda: identifying the euro with success. Berti Vogts, the national football coach, is already doing his bit in advertising the new

My impression is that the Government has overestimated its ability to swing popular opinion its way. Last week I attended a "Europe Week" event in the Hesse parlia-

of school newspapers pepnered experts - a European Commission official, a Eurodeputy, the regional Minister for Europe - with unanswerable questions.

Thy was the euro more important than jobs? How could monetary union prevent war on the Continent? Why wasn't Europe more democratic? Why was Turkey excluded from the European club? One boy had picked oranges in Greece for two weeks, then seen them thrown on a rubbish dump in the name of an absurd agri-

will be first-time voters in the general election next year, and they will be hard-headed in their choices. A politician pleading for a delay in introducing the euro, and a youth job-creation scheme, would

scoop up these votes. The federal idealism of the Kohl generation has evaporated and the Chancellor has tailored his rhetoric. But he may have shifted too late. Increasingly, Germans insist on a pragmatic approach to the union; to young Ger-mans, Herr Kohl's Europe seems to be looking backwards and federalists are visitors from a distant planet.

## Voters direct their anger at politics of an arrogant elite

From Ben Macintyre in paris

WITH just a fortnight to go before French voters begin electing a new parliament, one institution has become a key focus for popular anger at the country's aloof, technocratic political elite.

The Ecole Nationale d'Administration - better known as ENA, the postgraduate training-ground which produces so many of the country's top politicians, business leaders and civil servants - is once again under attack as a scapegoat for France's ills and a powerful symbol of widespead disenchantment with the political process.

Since the election campaign began, numerous candidates have opened fire on ENA, its elitism and les énarques, its hugely influential products. In Paris alone, three politicians are standing for the Organisation Against the ENA System party (OCSENA).

One Gaullist MP fighting for re-election, Jean-Michel Fourgous, has called for the abolition of the grandest of France's grandes écoles, this "administrative club, intellectually competent but economically archaic, politically irresponsible and socially cut off from the people".

dered against the ENA network, calling it "an omnipo-tent caste divorced from reality, more talented in flat-

tery than decision-making". But M Chirac, it should be noted, is the country's most prominent ENA graduate, while his Prime Minister, Alain Juppe, has come to represent the enarque par

**ELECTIONS** 

excellence — highly intelli-gent, academically impeccable but distant, uncompromising and arrogant. Two of the front-runners to replace him. the parliamentary Speaker, Philippe Séguin, and the former Prime Minister, Edouard Balladur, are also members of the ENA club. Nor is inclusion confined to the Right. Lionel

along with the former Socialist Prime Ministers Laurent Fabius and Michel Rocard.

The cynicism rife in all parts of the French electorate is due, in part, to the perception that the election will make little impact on the influential oldboy network and that, in the words of OCSENA, "the senior administration has taken over French politics".

That view has been heightened by the low level of political debate, compounding the belief that a posse of professional politicians is run-ning the election over the heads of the population, with scant regard for voters' genuine concerns and offering little to choose between them.

That impression was starkly reinforced by the exchange of open letters" between the principal political players last week. First M Chirac offered his opinions in a newspaper article: then M Jospin replied in another; then M Juppe chipped in. For all the impact on the electorate, they might have been bureaucrats exchanging memos.

The principal issue of this election, the future of the single European currency, has been barely addressed so far. M Chirac called the snap ago, Jacques Chirac thun- ist Party, is also a graduate. ahead with deficit-reduction



Lionel Jospin, the French Socialist leader, pauses to taste cherries during a weekend campaign break in Paris:

and the EMU project, but campaigning on that platform is a sure vote-loser.

M Jospin, on the other hand, has raised questions about the single currency, but cannot risk openly opposing it.

tor, Alain Minc, observed last week: "It is all very hypocriti-

politicians whose policies and pedigrees are often all but ndistinguishable and an election campaign enlivened only by sniping within the alliances on left and right, much of the electorate has taken refuge in boredom and apathy.

The latest poll published yesterday by Le Journal du Faced with a line-up of centre-right coalition had cantly, nearly 30 per cent of William Recs Mogg, page 20 | Buddhist monk [Reuter]

Rome: Italian police issued a warning yesterday that the Venetian separatists who occupied the Campanile (bell tower)

on St Mark's Square on Friday were not

"isolated amateurs" but part of a wider

Police said other members of a

militant group seeking "independence"

for Venice and the Veneto region had

threatened to carry out further acts of

terrorism. La Repubblica, which with

network (Richard Owen writes).

pulled ahead again after a flurry of surveys suggestingthat the Left might be on track for an upset victory. An IFOP poll predicted 41 per cent for the combined Right and 38 per cent for the left-wing alliance, translating into 328-358 seats for the Centre-Right and 193-227 for the Left.

their minds. "As soon as one of the great political families goes forward, it is stopped in its tracks," said columnist Alain Genestar in Le Journal du Dimanche. The French people are expressing their lack of enthosiasm for a win by either camp."

### 19 die in Kashmir clashes

Srinagar: Gun bantles between Muslim separatists and Indian troops and abductions in Kashmir left 19 people dead at the weekend, police reported last night. Six militants and an Indian soldier were killed in the main clash at Bahkihukam village, 50 miles north of here, after troops surrounded the village to arrest separatist activists. The militants were reported to have opened fire using auto-matic rifles. (AFP)

#### Volga hero dies

Moscow: The police chief of Kostrama town drowned after rescuing four people whose boat overturned in the Volga as Russians celebrated Victory Day, marking their triumph over the Nazis (AP)

#### Big spenders

Bangkok: US troops on leave from joint exercises with the That military will spend the equivalent of £2.5 million in

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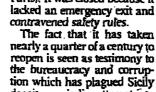
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#### leader of the separatist Northern League — which has denied having any tian commandes smacked of buffoonery, it reflected a wider demand for local links with the group of Venetian mili-tants—urged his followers to boycott the autonomy. "The Italian state must nip this threat in the bud by pushing through federalist reforms to give the voting and "go to the mountains" for the regions greater powers," the paper said.

#### mars opera reopening FROM FRANCESCO BONGARRA IN PALERMO AND RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

Palermo court drama

tion work, the wraps come off Palermo's partially renovated opera house today following a 23-year closure, with the Teatro Massimo echoing to the aria Va Pensiero from Verdi's Nabucco - the last work played there before it closed for repairs in January 1974. For Palermo the gala reopening is a symbol of hope and revival as the city emerges from the grip of the Mafia.

AFTER last-minute restora-

But right-wing Sicilian politicians from Forza Italia and the Alleanza Nazionale accused Leoluca Orlando, the popular anti-Mafia Mayor of Palermo, of staging the speciacle prematurely to distract attention from accusations that he mismanaged opera restoration funds as Mayor in the 1980s. Signor Orlando faces re-election in the

autumn. The Teatro Massimo will not be able to stage a full opera for at least another year and is confining itself to concerts. Today's opening concert is by the Berlin Philharmonic, conducted by Claudio Abbado. Franco Zeffirelli, the film di-

rector and a senator for Sicily,

#### said Signor Orlando was staging a "fake, papier-maché inauguration" for electoral

pages on Saturday to the attack and again yesterday, said in a front-page editorial that, although the assault on

the Campanile by eight self-styled Vene-

purposes. Trial proceedings against Signor Orlando are due to open next week. He said yesterday he had taken control of the opera restoration and appointed new builders after the last mayoral election in 1993 precisely because funds were going missing". He had "full faith in the judges" and would be exonerated.

The neo-classical Teatro Massimo is the victim of neglect rather than fire. Built between 1875 and 1897 by the Sicilian architect, Ernesto Basile, with money provided by the fortunes of British wine merchants who founded the Marsala wine industry, it is the third largest opera house in Europe (after Vienna and Paris). It was closed because it

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Police fear wider network of Venice militants towns and provinces in a second round of local elections, with control of key northern towns such as Milan, Turin and Trieste at stake. Umberto Bossi, the

# Why the Hindenburg

US scientists have taken another look at the zeppelin disaster. Anjana Ahuja

reports

ixty years ago this week, the streets of packed with people, their eyes straining heaven-wards to see the floating giant. That evening the Hinden-burg its silver skin decorated with swastikas, was no more. Eyewitnesses said it took less than a minute for the zeppelin to ignite, explode and crash at Lakehurst in New Jersey. The ensuing decades have not dampened speculation

about the cause was the disaster, which claimed the lives of 36 of the 97 people on board, caused by static electricity discharged from the outer cover; a bomb; or an incendiary bullet? But one important aspect - that the blaze took hold because the hydrogen used to keep the airship afloat was highly flammable - has not been questioned, until now.

In a timely piece of detective work, two scientists have stepped forward with a radically different scientific analysis of what happened. Addison Bain, the former head of Nasa's hydrogen programme at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, and Richard Van Treuren, a space shuttle engineer, say the fabric of the airship and its waterproof lacquer coating were the key fire hazards. It would have been obvious to blame hydrogen, and more expedient - the Germans were forced to use the flammable hydrogen because, as diplomatic tensions escalated, America would not export nonflamma-

The story begins with Mi Bain, a Nasa employee for 30 years. One of his tasks was to procure hydrogen gas for use in the space shuttle pro-gramme. I was compiling a book on hydrogen safety and I was continually coming across reports of the Hindenburg disaster," he says. "But nearly every report had some kind of inconsistency."

His curiosity aroused, Mr Bain began to research the event more thoroughly. He found that the airship envelope, or cover, was made from cotton and linen. Doping ma-terials were added to stiffen the fabric, make it waterproof and provide some protection from the sun.



The doping materials inother things that caught my eye were photographs and footage of the event and the reports. Witnesses reported seeing yellow, red and orange flames. Hydrogen burns without colour. Also, the pieces of fabric did not self-extinguish. They carried on burning."

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Mr Bain, who had by this former colleagues at the Kennedy Space Centre, including Mr Van Treuren, who is also an airship enthusiast. Friends at the centre's material science laboratory agreed to test the theory that it was the zeppelin's doped fabric, rather than the hydrogen gas, that proved lethal. But first, the men had to track down fragments of the Hindenburg cover. Some aficionados refused to part with

parallel way, with electrical charge shooting along the cloth, the fragment ignited. This confirmed Mr Bain's theory that the doped outer covering of the Hindenburg was, in effect, a thin layer of explosive rocket fuel. He thinks the conditions in the early evening of May 6, 1937, would have been fatally ideal a passing thunderstorm, he says, had left the atmosphere highly electrified.

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do, it burnt a harmless hole. If the arc hit the fabric in a

s part of his re-search, Mr Bain travelled to Friedrichshafen, Germany, where Count Ferdinand Graf von Zeppelin built his airships, including the Hindenburg. There, he discovered designs for the Hindenburg's successor, the LZ-130. "Among the changes were plans to reduce the flammabilty of the cover and improve the conductivity of the airship envelope," he says. "The changes suggest that the manufacturers knew the real cause of the fire."

Mr Bain and Mr Van Treuren are publishing their findings in Buoyant Flight, a US magazine. They cite other factors that add weight to their argument: archival accounts of US Navy airships filled with helium which burnt as furiously, and records of hydro gen-filled airships coming under fire and failing to burn.

Their theory has, for the most part, been well-received. "A lot of people feel as if they've had their eyes opened." says Eric Brothers, the editor of Buoyant Flight. "These guys have really looked into the science of how hydrogen burns, using technology that

wasn't around 60 years ago." Some sceptics, however, point out that the fabric may have changed substantially. Mr Bain disputes this: "The frag-ments are remarkably wellpreserved. In so many cases we have seen the frailty of human engineering. The sulphur in the steel hull of the Titanic caused it to shatter. In the Challenger disaster, the O-ring became inelastic at cold temperatures. Sometimes, we cannot com-pete with Mother Nature."

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# Creating a splash

BRIEFING

fastest computers have been used to forecast the weather and to simulate the explosion of nuclear weapons. The move away from nuclear testing puts a greater premium on this latter capability, and a supercomputer recently installed at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque. New Mexico, will increasingly take on the role of proving that the weapons in the American stockpile still work.

But before they started, Gil Nigel Weigand, the official responsi-Hawkes ble for strategic computing at the US Department of Energy, asked Sandia to carry out a simulation of more general interest. Dr David Crawford responded by using the computer to simulate an event of incomparably greater power than even a nuclear weapon — the impact of a one-kilometre

comet on the Earth. That is about the size of

the largest fragment of the comet Shoemaker-Levy which struck Jupiter in 1994. Dr Crawford and his colleague, Dr Mark Boslough, used 1,500 processors of the Intel supercomputer, which is capable of one trillion operations per second. The problem was split into 54 million separate "20nes" of operation and ran for a full 48 hours. They used the same program as they had used to simulate the Jupiter impact — on that occasion, the prediction that a visible plume would rise above the rim of Jupiter was

borne out by experience. They assumed a one-kilometre comet, which would weigh about a billion tons, travelling at 60 kilometres per second and

How brittle stars

angle of 45 degrees before landing in one of the world's oceans. This is not a large comet

Hale-Bopp is about 40

kilometres across and weighs about ten trillion tons. The simulation starts with the comet about 30 kilometres above the surface, producing a luminescent bow shock as it penetrates the atmosphere. It

hits the ocean less than a second

later, generating an impact energy of 300 billion tons of TNT

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- ten times the power of all the nuclear weapons in existence at the height of the Cold War. The explosion creates a deep hole in

the ocean, and vaporising the comet instantly, along with 300 to 500 cubic kilometres of water, which rises as a huge steam explosion. Debris is hurled into ballistic trajectories that carry it around the Earth.

Low-lying areas of land would be swamped by huge waves, but a comet this size is too small to cause a global catastrophe. If it were only slightly larger, says Dr Crawford, the debris would be sufficient to block out sunlight and disrupt agriculture. "Simulations of this kind can help to pin down the energy threshold and help to answer the question: Is it a regional or a global catastrophe?"

Fortunately, the chances of such an event are reckoned to be small, about once every 300,000 years. That's a long time in human history, although not so long when mea-sured against the Earth's 4.5 billion-year lifetime. Dr Boslough says: "It's a low probability, high-consequence event."

#### **US** satellite detects early settler quarries



loses limbs with regularity but manages to grow new ones without the wounds becoming infected. Last week Dr Bill Dobson, a marine physiologist from Appalachian State Univer-

sity in Boone, North Carolina, told a Miami conference how the creature does it. He says symbiotic bacteria living on the brittle star produce compounds that kill many pathogens. With Eileen Stahl, a graduate student, Dr Dobson has shown that

at least ten species of bacteria live in the brittle star, and that within an hour or two of an injury the wound is completely covered When tested in petri dishes against

USING satellite images, a team of American scientists has pinpointed eight quarries worked by the first settlers of North America up to 10,000

years ago. The quarries, a source of a quartz-like material called chert used for making tools, all lie in Horse Prairie Valley, an 800 square mile area of southwest Montana.

The team, from the University of Colorado and led by anthropologist Thomas Carr, first studied a known quarry. From this data they developed spectral "signatures" of 12 geological and vegetational patterns characteristic of the quarry. Different frequences of radiation detected by satellites provide information about the type of rocks, and the type of plants, in any small area. A chert quarry, for example, would be expected to show the kind of bedrock that carries chert, next to an area of disturbed soil.

A computer searched images taken by the Landsat satellite for the characteristics: eight sites turned out to be quarries. Mr Carr believes the technique has great potential for



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common pathogens, many of the bacterial species were able to prevent the growth of the organisms responsible for oneumonia, salmonella and diphtheria. Dr Dobson hopes further study will reveal what the bacteria are, and which compounds they produce, with the aim of creating a new range of antibiotic drugs. uncovering other ancient quarries, Floating timebomb: in the early evening of May 6, 1937, the Hindenburg exploded and crashed at Lakehurst in New Jersey their scraps of history; others cluded a powdered alumi-nium, which is used in space donated tiny portions. Mr Bain also paid for samples. time retired, contacted his shuttles, and a cellulose ni-Scientists at Kennedy then conducted tests for ignition trate, which is used to make and inflammability. In the explosives," he says. The first test, they applied an arc of

# There have been times when I've felt the pressure of who my father is'

Jason Connery hopes that his latest film role, as Macbeth, will finally free him from comparisons with 007. Interview by Giles Whittell

Jason Connery's reckless youth that, to his credit, he does not mind retelling. Twelve years or so ago he was racing his motorbike in Sussex when, in the process of crashing, he banged his left testicle against his petrol tank.

He fractured a thumb and some ribs but it was his undercarriage that alarmed the paramedics. Bleeding internally, his scrotum swelled to the size of a grapefruit. He was rushed to hospital in Brighton and undressed by a female nurse who promptly called in two more.

When the specialist arrived would have to be made to let the blood drain out, but not cy has to come before his

There is a story from before summoning ten medisight of acute testicular haemorrhage.

> "You don't mind, do you. Mr Connery?" he remembers being told. He was on national television every week at the time as Robin of Sherwood: a familiar face, not to mention a famous name.

"No." he groaned. As it turned out, the incision was never made and the testicle gradually healed of its own accord. But Connery lost a job in a film produced by Michael Douglas because of it. When Connery withdrew, Douglas Connery never told him.

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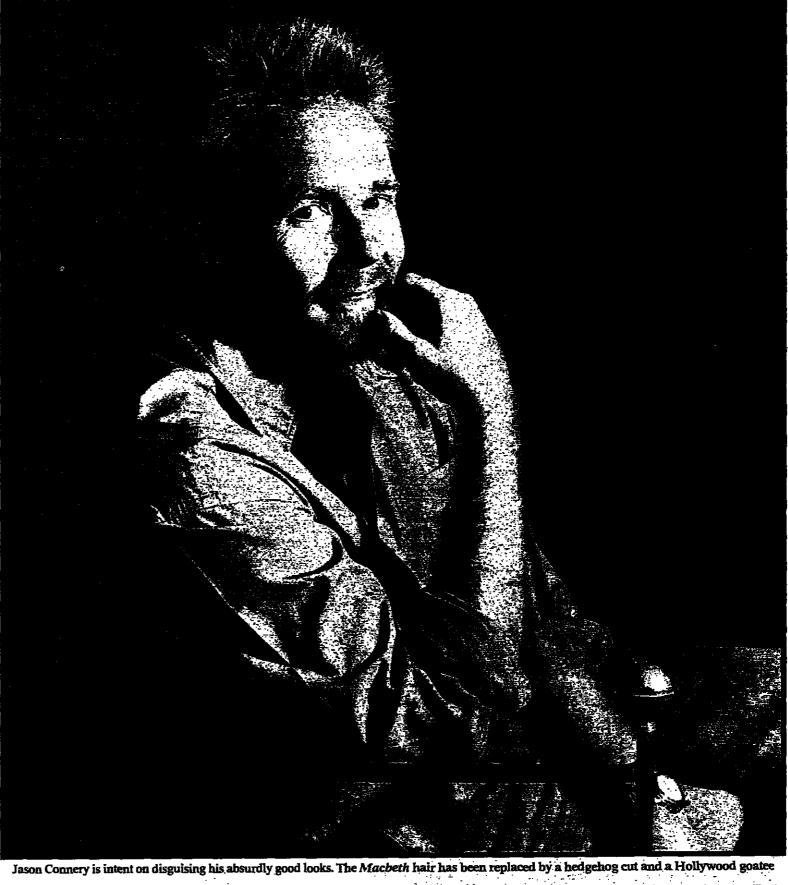
career. Such are his priorities cal students to behold the rare as he arrives in London this week from Los Angeles for his first major British premiere. as the lead in a new film version of Macbeth. It is, he hopes, the role that will finally establish him as a major actor in his own right, independent and in demand beyond his

father's lowering shadow. As on the motorbike track so in film: Connery Jr does not want for courage. He has taken on one of the great tragic roles in the language despite a curriculum vitae that boasts only one professional Shakespeare part before it: he once played Petruchio in Taming of the Shrew at Southampton. This son of Sean is stoic and Otherwise, he has not touched

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thrown in the deep end," he says. "But I was the one who threw myself there. He did not audition for the part. exactly. It was more a case of agreeing to team up with his old mate Bob Carr-

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which finances ultra-low bud- his time with it. No one in get films by selling 500 or so shares at \$500 per investor. The innovative Carruthers

system ensures that even if shareholders don't recoup their money they get invitations to the premiere and the chance of being an extra. The challenge for the director and his principals is to harness this amateur enthusiasm in the name of a professional film. Connery prepared diligent-

ly. For one thing, he grew a full beard and very long hair. Hirsute was hip in 11th-century Scotland, but it also conveniently distinguishes the current Connery from the close-cropped. boy-next-door guise in which he played Robin Hood. (Reclining for the Times photographer beneath Whoopi Goldberg's cigar cabinet in a private humidor in Beverly Hills, he still seems intent on disguising his absurdly good looks. The Mac-beth hairstyle has been replaced by a hedgehog cut and the unaccountably fashionable Hollywood goatee.)

Hair apart, how does one recreate a character already brought to the big screen by Orson Welles, Peter O'Toole, Sir Ian McKellen and Sir Anthony Hopkins? If Connery was ever daunted by the inevitable comparisons, he is not admitting it. Nor does he have much time for the pretensions of "method" acting so important American stars.

"A lot of actors work from the ourside in, and a lot work from the inside out," he says. "I felt I was doing an amalgamption of both. You're standing there in costume. You've got the sword, you've got the beard, you teel like a warrior and there's a huge broading castle in the background. It's uncomfortable. The chairs are all wood, the beds are horsehair. The mistake then is to ask yourself, How would this guy think? What you have to say is, 'If I'm going to make this real I have to put some aspect of myself in it, and make it true for me"."

Thether this Macbeth will prove true for a mass audience is another matter. Like his father. Connery has a knack for fling close-ups. He is also a match for Branagh when it comes to making Shakespeare's calmer pussages work as both dialogue and poetry. But one result of the film's being shot entirely on location in Scotland is that its backdrops sometimes look like touristboard stock footage. Overall, it is more endearing than terrifying, which may not be the accolade one seeks for the first true British thriller. If Connery hopes Macbeth

will prove his ticket to fullblown stardom, he is biding Hollywood has been shown an early cut, and he doesn't know yet what his next acting job will be. Such a hiatus would be Hanks or Hoffman, but Conthem by Caine at Langan's... nery seems unbothered by it.

Asked about his ambition. he replies in unintended but surely — revealing oxymoron:
"I think I'm totally

committed," he says. "I love acting, but I do feel there are other things. acting, but such as my relationship with my there are wife and child and to an extent my other friends, that are more important." things in Technically he does not have a child yet, but his

wife, the actress Mìa Sara, is eight months pregnant. They met three years ago on the St Petersburg set of Bullet to Beijing, where their co-star Michael Caine acted as unwitting matchmaker by offering them both respite from the bitter Russian cold in his

imported Winnebago. Connery hit it off with Caine as his father had decades earlier. When he and Sara

were married last year, it was in the Candlelight Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, recommended by Caine from fond experience. When they returned to London, their Tirs stop was a party thrown for

Sean Connery did not attend the wedding. The gleeful tabloids called it a snub. Jason

Connery insists it was his idea. "We didn't tell Dad and we didn't tell Mum lactress Diane Cilento, divorced 24 years ago] because basically they can't stand each other," he says bluntly. Secretive as the

wedding was, a year later Connery is taking it most seriously. The only future role he is certain of, he says, is being a

husband and a father". It is not far-fetched to suppose that this earnest-sounding 34-year-old has formed his views on fatherhood from his experience of childhood, which included attending a series of expensive boarding schools (Millfield, Gordonstoun) as his own father bestrode the world and topped most sexsymbol rankings. Still, he insists that most of what has been written about his allegedly tricky relationship with the

when I've felt the pressure of who my father is," he says. remembering his early days at Perth Rep when the local paper would send a photographer round if he so much as rehearsed. "You're under scrutiny much earlier. When you walk in the door people think. Lwander if he's going to look like his dad, or sound like him or have a complex about him'.

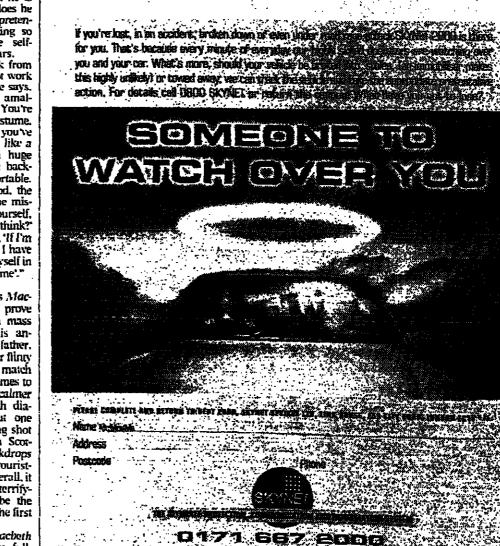
"But on the whole I feel as though it's not my problem. In fact it isn't a problem. I am Sean Connery's son."
They will not be together at

the premiere. Sean will be in New York accepting an award and Jason is ready for the next round of "Father Snubs Son" hysteria. As it subsides, they will meet up, as they often do, for 18 quiet holes at Sunningdale or the Sherwood course in California.

"If I wanted it I could create it, that whole maelstrom of publicity," says junior, "But you have a choice I think I learnt that from my father." Macbeth goes on release from today and nationwide in June







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# The very valuable crisis



For modern women, midlife is the last remaining mystery, the age that feminism forgot. Pundits such as Germaine Greer and Gail Sheehy have depicted the years between 40 and 50 as an alarming decade, the adolescence of old age, full of uncontrollable and distressing hormonal disturbance. But in a

remarkable book, the Cambridge academic Terri Apter challenges this view. Having interviewed 80 women over four years, she has become convinced that midlife holds the secret of a new kind of fulfilment. She talked to Grace Bradberry about her radical theory of midlife as a period of growth, reassessment and renewed confidence

ew psychological terms are flung about so casually as "midlife crisis", particularly where women are concerned. Naturally, we tend to assume that a large body of literature devoted to the subject must exist. In fact, the pain of fortysomething women has been virtually ignored.

Germaine Greer's Change and Gail Sheehy's The Silent Passage made it, briefly, a hot topic - yet both discussed midlife largely in terms of the menopause.

Now Terri Apter, a social psychologist, is taking issue with Greer, arguing that midlife crisis is a definite psychological event. How one copes with it determines how one will cope with menopause, not the other way round.

Her criticism is not only that Greer places so much emphasis on the menopause, but also that she turns her own experiences into a universal truth. There's a sleight of hand where she'll be talking about an experience of menopausal irritation and she doesn't say This is my experience.'

In Apter's own book, Secret Paths: Women in the New Midlife, she asserts that between 40 and 50 all women go through a period of anger and anxiety. Many are plagued by regret and a sense of failure that they did not manage to "have it all". The good news is that the majority emerge with a better idea of what they want and the determination to fol-

The book is not a personal one, and I rather expected Apter, 48, would prove the exception to her own rules. She is American — born in Chicago, although she has lived here since 1971 — and her stark biographical details conjure up a superwoman.

Cambridge, and has been the book is that they do

# SECRET PAIRS

Women in the new midlife

married for 22 years to David Newbury, Professor of Applied Economics at the university. By the time their two daughters, Miranda, 18, and Julia, 14, were born, Apter had published two novels. She then produced two academic works, one on working mothers, the other on the relationship between mothers and adolescent daughters.

One expects a blindingly together, verbally combative whirlwind. Yet the woman who, appears is physically slight, with a girlish demeanour and a soft laugh.

dud large, the self-effacing Apter keeps herself out of the y and large, the selfemerges, however, that she was going through her own crisis while writing it. In one of the few personal passages, she recounts her feelings of inadequacy when visiting her friend Angela Harris, who not only has a family, but a highpowered job in London.

So do women like Angela She is a fellow of Clare Hall, have doubts? The message of

although in this case Apter never discovered them. "She read the book, and she recognised herself," says Apter. But she didn't say, 'Oh, no, no, no, I'm not like that at all', although she did admit she had been lucky. So you see, I'm not free from the ghost of the woman who has it all. And I don't think we ever can be." Apter divided the interview-

ees into four broad categories, although some fitted more than one. Her first group is the "traditional" women. Having devoted themselves to their families, putting their careers to one side, their particular crisis was to wonder if a happy family was enough. Their alter egos were the "innovative" women, who pursued tough career paths only to spend their 40s wondering if they wanted to carry on in workplaces tailored to men.

Some of Apter's sample, restricted by their education. had settled for quite narrow lives. These "expansive" women wanted to break out of the groove. The fourth group, the "protestors", felt that they had been thrown into premature adulthood, perhaps by an

early pregnancy. Only one group is not represented — the very poor. A black American told Apter life was too much of a struggle for her to have any such luxurious thing as a crisis. "It was very helpful, if a bit hollowing, to be

beyond which these things didn't make sense." inevitably. Anter's research also led her to question which category she might fall into. "I certainly

'I just felt always saw myself everyone as innovative." But as she wrote the else had book, and faced up to her own regrets. done the she realised she had lapsed, slipright ping towards the "traditional". Octhing' casional remarks would pull her up

short: "Let's say if 'a family member' praised me for ironing his shirts well." This is a revelation indeed. She laughs. "Objectively, I do fulfil traditional roles. But there's a sense that that isn't who I really am - even though I do those things." Apter, it transpires, has the same capacity for deluding herself as her case studies. And like them, she only faced up to the self-deception in her 40s. She also says that, like many of her generation, she believed that "having it all"

would be relatively easy. Just before she was 21. halfway through her second degree, she met her husband. David Newbury was then a young don, and he was keen to marry. Apter was not: "I was really resisting traditional roles. I thought I was extremely independent and I really thought I'd won the women's revolution."

Instead, they moved into a house in Cambridge, marry-ing five years later in 1975. Ostensibly, Apter was pursuing her own goals, working at her povels. But in her 40s she was to look back and wonder how she could not have no-

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PhD. At Berkeley, she taught

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But she felt on the fringes of

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mattered. "I would wake at

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about the gap between where I

was and what I'd like to be. I

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She felt that no matter how

good her work, it would never

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now, she says: "My

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But as the book

continually points out, you cannot have it all. The

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this is what appears to trouble

many of the women in Apter's

book. They did have choices.

Part of the route out of their

crisis was to stop focusing on

missed opportunities and take

Anter's husband would say

to her: "Do you want to do

something different? We'll

manage things so you can."

But she wasn't sure she want-

ed a new career - she simply

wanted to turn the clock back.

urging, however, she did gain

a fellowship at Clare Hall in

1990. The routes out of her

crisis have not been U-turns,

but gentle curves in the road.

But Apter is not entirely an

advertisement for her thesis of

the bigger and better post-

crisis woman: "I still feel there

are some regrets that are quite

raw and not fully thought out.

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Supergrass Hy on the Brixton Academy crowd

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imagination and a bit of luck, could the Labour next five years? A lot is expected because of Labour's track record. The Arts Council weeviled its way into the establishment during the Attlee years; and, with Harold Wilson's blessing, Jennie Lee jumped it into a national prominence which subsequent governments and ministers have built on but not — until the lottery — been able to transform to any similar degree. The time is surely right for

the charge. There are at least three key areas in which the arts could change radically. First, and by far the most important, is the task of getting the message, the skills and the opportunities into schools. I'm aware that this has been said many times before — I have said it often myself. But not often enough for it to have had any real effect.

a third major leap forward and

Chris Smith seems the man to lead

# Radical recipe for a new British culture

pious and paying no more than lip service to this fundamental idea and addressed it vigorously for what it is - the surest method of putting down a foundation for active future participants and knowledgeable future audiences in an area of our national life bound to grow. Whatever this Government does or does not do, broadcasting, and culture in its widest sense including tourism, will increase in importance and wealth. It is now undeniable that the arts are not only good for trade but

they are trade Every school should have access to instruments which would allow it to form an orchestra, classical or jazz. School libraries should be well resourced and tied in with town and city libraries. Theatre, opera, dance and classical music groups should tour intensively and continuously. Access to live performances ought to be part of the curriculum. Writers, singers, painters, sculptors and architects must be encouraged in short-term residencies. Directors of film, television and video should be brought in for summer schools. A sort of nationwide arts apprenticeship scheme and one which draws in children from all backgrounds should and could be established. This is not idealistic. It is

completely realistic. If we are to make use of our world language and the advantage we have in many of the cultural areas already, then we simply have to attend properly and thoroughly to the roots of the matter. Many people of my generation and older still cannot help thinking of the arts as a luxury, a frippery or an extra. How many times do we have to repeat that more people work in the arts than work in the steel, coal

say that the culture/tourist industries bring in £16 billion a year and rising? We have lost many old heavy industries. There is everything to be said for developing a new heavy cultural industry which will be increasingly important and on a global scale.

Hollywood is a clear example here. Its intensive development and cultivation of film and television has made it the second biggest industry in the USA and yet what is it? Just a bunch of pictures, movies, still often regarded as nothing more than an amusement areade of the lowest common denominator. But Hellywood saw an opportunity and

Secondly, we have to make the final heave which leaves London a world city but gives real independence and clout to the other great cities in Britain. Glasgow has shown the way and even though it is now struggling, the institutions, the artists and the work in that city show what can be done. There are similar starings elsewhere but a strategy of decentralisation and a willingness to charge local councils to release already available hands could push what is almost an experiment into a reality. Culture could be one of the great engines of growth in these cities.

one of this needs massive extra funding. Any extra funding it does need should come from the lottery. This is my third point. The lettery must be made to serve the arts and not. as at present, the arts serving the questionable and highly partial losery. It must rapidly become much more flexible before the powers that be grow se arritated with its failure to fire properly that more money is moved out to health and other causes which would garner much more popular ap-plause. The lottery has to shift itself away from its rigid regulations and not only hold onto but boild up its stake for the arts. In this area, a comparatively modest investment can have the most memendous reverage. This is not cloud-cuckoo-land. If

anyone 50 years ago had prophesied the popularity enjoyed by today's museums and galleries, he would have been ignored or mocked if in 30 years time we are region players on the world stage then it will only be because of decisions taken now in an area of life — culture — once thought marginal but increasingly more central to she business of people's daily lives. After all, more than 600,000 people work in the arts

These are just three preliminary points. There is much more. There are great expectations for a Labour lifted. Given the raced of the country, the takent already in place and so widely available, and the embusiasm and intelligence of a new arts team, then there is indeed

LONDON THEATRE: A major Chekhov play revisited at the Old Vic; a minor Chekhov adapted on the fringe

# The pain of laughter

ussians enjoy re-minding the English, who still sometimes think of him as a fastidious miniaturist specialising in autumnal pastels, that Chekhov is a very funny dramatist. In The Seaguil almost every character is forlornly besotted with someone who cannot reciprocate; yet the man himself described it as "a comedy with much talk about literature and five tons of love". Given those words and his own status as a comic playwright, you might expect Tom Stoppard's translation to give Chekhov a larger tickling stick than usual.

But Stoppard knows that Russian, and especially Chekhovian, comedy embraces depth and even despair. So does Peter Hall, his director. So does every member of the cast except Janine Duvitski, who plays Masha's famous opening line, "I'm in mourning for my life", as a petty boast, and generally comes across as too goofy and trivial to take seriously. But overall this is a Seagull beautifully balanced between laughter

and pain. Stoppard's text has witty moments - "having no backbone he could bend both ways" neatly mocks Trigorin's propensity for sexual sharing The Seaguil Old Vic

- but it rejects deverness for clarity, momentum and subtlety of thought and feeling. This gives Hall's cast the chance to bring texture to their roles: a challenge they accept, starting with Dominic West's Kostia, fumbling writer and lover, and Victoria Hamilton's Nina, a parallel failure in the emotional and artistic

West is a big, gangling figure whose wounded-dog looks hide blundering rage. confused ambition and an intense sickness of heart. At first he contrasts strongly with Hamilton's Nina, who hurls herself into the role of the artless fame-freak, falling on her back in excitement at the prospect of meeting the novel-ist Trigorin. But shallowness vanishes when she reappears in the fourth-act rain. You don't doubt that her blenched, exhausted Nina, with her mewing, seagulf-like sobs and blank, past-caring shrugs, has traversed the emotional

Michael Pennington brings out the gulf between the superman of Nina's imagination and the real Trigorin,

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presenting us with a bashful, insecure creature who patronises Andrew Aguecheek's barber and gets his droopy bodylanguage from a similarly nerdish source. His is a brave, interesting performance, but it leaves you asking why he excites such sexual rapacity in Felicity Kendal's Arkadina. especially as he also looks older than he should and she makes no great effort to suggest the actress's terror of

Nevertheless, Kendal has superb moments, notably when a tiny argument about horses suddenly escalates into wails and screeches of dismay and you see the the raw nerves under the blithe surface. But then Hall's production often shows you what people are feeling and failing to say; and not only where the major characters are concerned. Observe the minuscule flash of iealousy that crosses the face of Anna Carteret's Polina when Arkadina pays an offhand compliment to David Yelland's Dorn, the beloved doctor who has raised studied indifference to an art form. That's truthful. That's Chekhovian. That sums up the evening's quality.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Felicity Kendal (Arkadina) and Michael Pennington (Trigorin) in Peter Hall's staging

## All fear the Russian bore

WOULD have happily traded in the bottle of Russian vodka sent to me by News From Verona Theatre Company if Roger Ringrose and Chekhov's "short" story had stopped after one, rather than three, hours.

On a wooden seaside promenade fronted by a neat square of pebble beach, there is a lazy clash of personalities between Ivan Layevsky, a dissolute voung government official, and Von Koren, an affluent, hard-nosed zoologist. Their differences are hazily mapped over long lunches and picnics in a claustrophobic resort on the Black Sea. We run into clouds of ennui, becalmed scenes and fraught-sounding conversations that add up to a lot less than Marchant's direction might imply.

On Layevsky's side there is Samolyenko (played with bluff appeal by Jean-Benoit Blanc), shoot him yourself.

The Duck Lyric Studio, Hammersmith

a big-hearted army doctor who lets his alcoholic friend abuse his bar tab. There is also Laura Jones's shallow Nadyezhda, a married woman infatuated with Layevsky, but sitting on several other local indiscretions, "Crippled by civilisation" and the stifling attentions of Nadyezhda and his overbearing mother (Victoria Plum). Layevsky dreams

of escaping to St Petersburg. It is a familiar romantic theme in Chekhov. It is unfortunate, therefore, that Paul McEwan's romantic hero has the sexual charisma of a plucked chicken. There isn't a moment when you wouldn't like to take him outside and

Roger Ringrose plays Von Koren, the zoologist, like a severe prep school housemaster. His most interesting contribution is a discussion with Tony Sleenan's irritatingly happy Descen. Here Von Koren argues for natural selection over Christian virtues. Don't let humanity get in the way, especially when it comes to scum like Layevsky. Sure enough, by the time we get to the duel, our theatrical charity

has long since departed. The production ends up in a flurry of needless scene changes designed to give the illusion of expediency. The moral coda, delivered by a chastened and changed Layev sky, that life proceeds by going two steps forward and one step back, could have fallen out of a Chinese fortune

> JAMES CHRISTOPHER | floating out into the theater the

## Phoenix rising from the ashes

IN THE five seasons Ken with the Halle Orchestra comment has tended to focus on his interpretative rather than his technical achievement. In converting the Halle to something closer to his own ideal. Nagano had to reassem ble it, and temporarily at least, lest something vital in

If the Halle has not recovered the more extrovert aspects of its character it is certainly more at case both with itself and its principal conductor. Their performance of Mainler's Resurrection Symphony offered abundant evidence of an orchestra with finer tuning, a more accessible and more discriminating range of colour, a clearer texture, and more discipline in

The most impressive aspect of the interpretation was the on the last-but-one syllable of the choral part, which marks the climax of the work. The fact that the greatest engotion al effort was reserved for that precise moment is not in itself remarkable. But that it should so naturally take its place as

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gene before it was proof of a brilliantly executed strategy. One of the more important iteries in the strategy was the profiting of the second subject of the first movement, the Resurrection theme, which at cate point was preceded by a paose so long that it seemed the performance might not start again. But in general it was not an interpretation to take risks. It was presumably part of the economy that the instruction of the voices weight lift the interpretation on to testher level. Certainly, that is what was achieved by trump effects and an atmo-spheric birdsong cadenza in entry of the Haile Choir lifted

GERALD LARNER

ROSA MANNION'S performance in the title role was the main reason for going to Jonathan Miller's production of La traviata when it opened the ENO season last Septem ber. On revival, almost totally recast and musically a goo deal more assured than six months ago, Violettà remains

the sour.

She is now the American corano Susan Patterson. making her London debut. The two Violettas could not be more different by Act I Mannion was already a victim, fragile and in need of support. Patterson is almost distant, a Henry James heroine keeping her head above decadent European driftwood. Her handling of the acts closing scene was technically unblemished, but chill.

That could well have been part of the game plan Patterson only began to the pose Violetta's traity when Googgo Germant arrived to confront her. From there the downward slide began. She started to colour Versit's vocat line so that the first traces of despair emerged and built towards a deeply felt final act. Throughout the latter Miller kept her in bed and Patierson is well up to the physical demands of singing prostrate.

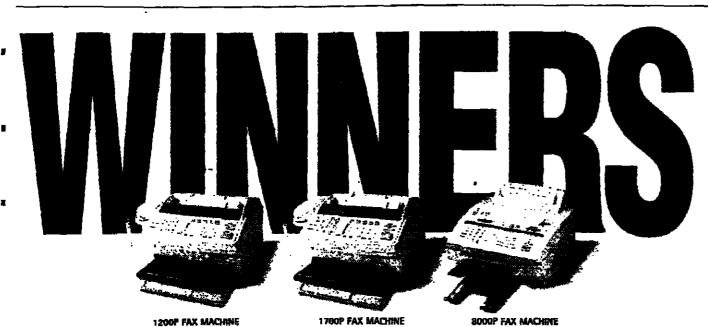
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notes that announce to every one but herself that she is about to die

Julian Gavin, the new Alfredo tinew himself with passion into this last encounter. Earlier he had successfully portrayed the ganche boy not goite sure what has hit bins. Christusher Booth-Jones was a sending, lightweight Germent pere. Sharper per fernances came from Claire Henry (Flora), Richard Van THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY.

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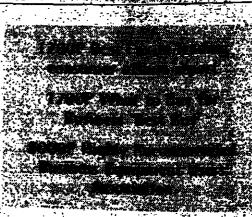
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**ARTS TUESDAY TO FRIDAY** IN SECTION 2

## Nice and easy does it

AMERICAN reviewers had a pleasant shock when lan Shaw made his debut tour of that country this year. His occasional vocal partner Claire Martin had already proved that the United States has no monopoly on sophisticated female singers, and then along came Shaw, cool and graceful and determined to take on the mantle of Mel Tormé and Mark Murphy. After a lengthy period of dues-paying on the London

WZ. Ian Shaw Ronnie Scott's

circuit. Shaw has reached a new level of maturity in the past year. After a series of albums which perhaps tried too hard to cover as much jazzpop territory as possible, he has delivered his most focused work in The Echo of a Song, a collection of vintage numbers assembled at the suggestion of the late Ronnie Scott.

Some people, unfortunately, would not know the difference between a quality performer and a karaoke machine. For a large part of his set at Scott's club - where he appeared on the same bill as the pianist Monty Alexander - Shaw had to contend with the chatter of a part of the audience more interested in a night out than in listening to the music. By the end, though, he

seemed to have won over many of them. While he may have risked being upstaged by Alexander's showmanship the pianist hammering out a grandstanding arrangement from Rodriguez's Concierto de Aranjuez - his quartet worked its magic on a more intimate scale.

Large stretches of I Concentrate on You, explored in a brisk setting by pianist Simon Wallace bore little resentblance to Cole Porter's original theme, but Shaw's improvisations had their own symmetry. Where he once used to be tempted into one pyrotechnic leap too many, he now brings greater discipline and genuine drama to his art. Throughout Duncan Mackay's trumpet solos formed a pungent counterweight to the sure-footed rhythm work of drummer Dave Ohm and bassist Mick Hutton.

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and the water



The Fifth Element, chosen to open Cannes: "Luc Besson has done little to lift this adventure — the most expensive French film ever — beyond the achievements of the Star Wars trilogy or Indiana Jones"

# An anniversary to remember

CINEMA: From futuristic fantasy in New York to harrowing real life in Sarajevo, the n an article written in 1958. The opening films in the 50th edition of the Cannes Festival are reviewed by Geoff Brown

Sunday Times film critic Dilys Powell recalled how she had once imagined a Mediterranean film festival to be a glittering intellectual and social feast: "something between Plato's Academy and Versailles under 'le roi soleil'." She soon learnt. Yet if any festival tries to live the high life, it is Cannes. This year is its

50th edition, if one excepts the abortive one-night stand on September 1, 1939, when Hitler's invasion of Poland stole the thunder and reduced the festival to a single screening of Charles Laughton's Hunchback of Notre Dame. It took until 1946 for business to be re sumed year upon year (except for 1948 and 1950, when money problems intervened). Much has changed since then. A

small festival for the elite has become a bulging festival for the media army. The salesmen have descended, bringing with them Snide and Prejudice, Topless Women Talk about their Lives, and other delights of the film market (first established in 1959). Yet still the great, good and not so good CLIVE DAVIS | waltz up the red carpet every night.

tuxedos and designer dresses shin-Egyptian stone totems representing ing, to watch films competing for the prize of prizes, the Palme d'Or. Characters in the films themselves are usually not so elegant. thermal bandages.

Bruce Willis spent much of the opening film, Luc Besson's The Fifth Element, acting tough in an, orange singlet. Not just any singlet: like all garments in this derivative futuristic twaddle, filmed at Pinewood with piles of French money, the item was designed by Jean-Paul Gaultier. Besson had apparently been nurturing the material since his teenage days in the mid 1970s; but apart from an injection of 1990s camp, the adult Besson has done little to lift this adventure — the most expensive French film ever - beyond the achievements of the Star Wars trilogy or Indiana Jones.

Willis plays a New York cabbie in the year 2259, when the world faces annihilation from a malevolent planet and a hillbilly thug with half a head of hair (Gary Oldman). The only salvation lies with a group of

the four elements. No salvation lies ahead for the film, though Milla Jovovich's cover-girl assignments should increase after playing a carrot-haired beauty cooked up in a lab and dressed in nothing but

How do you properly celebrate the 50th birthday of the queen of all film festivals? It is comparatively easy to arrange the cake's icing: the fireworks, the dance spectacle, the parade of past prizewinners, the grand celebratory dinner. Yet even here problems arose, lngmar Bergman, chosen to receive a 50th birthday accolade, the Palme of Palmes d'Or, preferred to stay put on his Swedish island. Other luminaries, Clint Eastwood for one, have been unable to add lustre to the overcrowded resort, though the Spice Girls and 21 young British actors and actresses have done their bit for Britain, parading their wares and posing for photographers. The biggest problem is the quality

of the cake, the films themselves. In making his competition selection, Gilles Jacob, Cannes' supreme chief since 1978, suffered political as well as artistic headaches. At first Iran refused to export Abbas Kiorastami's The Taste of Cherry. banned at home because of its taboo subject, suicide, though there has since been a change of heart. There is no sign of any shift in China's objection to Zhang Yimou's Keep Cool. This hotly anticipated entry was withdrawn by its producer following animosity towards the non-competing East Palace, West Palace, a compelling drama of gay desire, fear and loathing in Beijing by the adventurous Zhang Yuan. which was post-produced in France, beyond China's grasp.

he motley jury, which embraces president Isabelle Adjani, Mike Leigh, Gong Li, and the director of Mars Attacks!. Tim Burton, still have plenty of films on their hands.

Britain at the moment is placed quite strongly, thanks chiefly to Gary Oldman's directorial debut. Nil by Mouth. Oldman's film, fierce and compassionate, ripped from his childhood memories of south-east London, needs scissors to help the plot emerge sooner: the first half hour is dominated to an unedifying degree by housing estate roughnecks lounging about spouting F words. After that we get pulled into the drama surrounding Raymond, the volatile husband lit up by drugs and booze (Ray Winstone), Val. the pregnant wife he abuses (Kathy Burke), and Val's kid brother Billy (Charlie Creed-Miles).

For his visual style, Oldman adopts the unadorned, claustrophobic look: a hand-held camera, lots of close-ups and zoom work. You get used to it, and the style pays dividends when the actors. Winstone especially, erupt with uncomfortable force. This is a courageous and honest film: it could not have been easy for Oldman to face family demons in this public By comparison Michael Winter-

bottom's Welcome to Sarajevo packs a gentler punch, though there is enough human misery image by image to make the gods weep. This is a version of Natasha's Story, the book by ITN's political corres-pondent Michael Nicholson about the orphanage child he smuggled out of Bosnia. Some images come from archive footage; others recreate with chilling clarity civilians falling to sniper fire, and journalists coping with carnage.

So what modifies the film's impact? Partly casting: partly Frank Cottrell Boyle's script; partly Winterbottom's tendency not to look beyond the surface. Nothing is wrong with Stephen Dillane's reporter (called Michael Henderson); but Woody Harrelson and Marisa Tomei are unhelpful in a film that yearns to do without Hollywood gloss. Boyle's script gives lesser characters perfunctory treatment, and indulges in heavy irony. Still, the film avoids the excess sentimentality of another Sarajevo drama in town, Ademir Kenovic's The Perfect

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Garret FitzGerald says Labour

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To what extent does Labour's massive parliamentary majority reflect a major swing from Tories to Lahour, and to what extent it is the outcome of Tories registering protest votes for groups such as the Referendum Party or else staying at home out of unhappiness with the parliamentary party?

The total voting figures re-veal a low turnout, and show that the increase in the Labour vote in no case came near to matching the decline in the votes cast for the Conservative and Liberal Democrat candidates. The first surprise is that although both the total population and the adult population of the UK have risen by about one million since 1992, the electorate today is fractionally smaller than five years ago. Whatever the reason for this anomaly, the fact that there has been very little change in the electorate makes direct comparisons between the 1992 and 1997 elections quite simple.

The total of votes cast on May I was down by two million, a drop of 6 per cent in accounted for? Broadly speaking. 4,500,000 people who vot-ed Conservaive in 1992 failed to do so on this occasion, a drop of almost one third. Moreover, one eighth of the 1992 Liberal Democrat voters, 750,000 of them, also abandoned their

What did these five and a quarter million people do with their votes? Well, 800,000. mainly in England, switched to the Referendum Party - and one can be certain that almost all of this batch of switchers were Tories rather than Liberal Democrats. Moreover, votes for other parties and Independents nearly doubled, increasing by 400,000, and at least half of these must have been Tory switchers. Finally, the Labour

vote rose by 2,000,000. How much of this 2,000,000 Labour gain came from the from Liberal Democrats. Unlike the Tories, the Liberal Democrats had little reason to abstain, so the bulk of the drop of more than 650,000 in that party's vote must have gone elsewhere - and not many Liberal Democrat voters will have plumped for the Referendum Party or similar splinter groups. It seems safe to assume, therefore, that at least 500,000 of these voters switched to Labour, either for tactical reasons, so as to defeat Tory candidates, or because they like Tony Blair's new Labour.

So less than 1,500,000 of Labour's gain can have come from former Tory voters. And, allowing for the 1,000,000 Tory voters who switched to the Referendum Party or to other small parties or Independents. the residue of the 4,500,00 drop in the Tory vote was therefore

accounted for by abstentions. In other words, the whole of the two million fall in the total poll was accounted for simply by

Tories staying at home.
With barely one Conservative voter in every ten switching to Labour, it is hard to see how the result of this election can reasonably be described as a landslide, in any normal sense of that term. What made it seem like a landslide, of course, was the first-past-the-post votwhich an overall increase of one sixth in the Labour vote, combined with Tory abstentions, increased Labour's parliamentary representation by

The disproportion between the scale of this Labour gain in seats and the much greater magnitude of the Conservative loss - more than half of Tory MPs lost their seats - was accounted for by the perverse relationship between the Liberal Democrats' votes and

osing one eighth of their votes, the Liberal Democrats nevertheless increased their representation by a factor of more than 212, apparently largely because of tactical voting by anti-Tory voters in constitutuencies Labour was badly placed to defeat the Tory candi date. For once the British electoral system worked in favour of the Liberal Democrats - although, of course, if this election had been held under proportional representation, their 18 seats would have grown not to 46 but to 113!

The significance of all this is

that, in terms of votes. Labour's

triumph is much more vulnerable to reversal than may have appeared from the way its victory has been reported. True, the disarray into which the Tories have been plunged by their performance in government and their internal divisions may prove too persistent to allow them to recover the ground they have lost within the lifetime of this Parliament. But if the parliamentary party has the sense and the luck to choose someone who can lead from the Centre rather than the extreme Right, it may fairly readily recover the support of the 3,000,000 Tory voters who effectively went on strike. So, even if at the next election there were to be no great swing back from Labour to the Conservatives, a recovery of the Tory abstentionist and protest votes could go a very ong way towards restoring Conservative fortunes.

The election, with its 44.4 per cent Labour vote, was not anything like as decisive and sweeping a victory for Labour

The author was Prime Minister of Ireland, 1981-82 and 1982-87.

# **GENERAL ELECTIONS 1992 & 1997**

	Votes (millions)		
	1992	1997	Change
Conservative	14.05	9.59	-4.46
Labour	11.56	13.55	+1.99
Liberal Democrats	6.00	5.24	-0.76
Nationalists	0.78	0.78	0
Referendum	_	0.81	+0.81
Others	0.44	0.84	+0.40
Great Britain total	32.83	30.82	-2.01
Northern Ireland	0.79	0.79	0
Grand total	33.62	31.61	-2.01
Electorate	43.25	43.15	-0.10
Turnout	77.75%	73.3%	-4.45%

## The French may well be about to change their failing government for one that is even worse

The leading letter in Friday's issue of *Le Figaro* gives some idea of the tone of the French election. "Message to the undecided: in 1993, just four years ago, you atomised the sinister 'Mitterrand generation, with his doubtful sui-cides and his fortune-tellers, his mistresses . . . his double lives and double dealing, his Tapie, Pelat, Urba-Gracco and Credit Lyonnais. his economic incompetence and allpowerful trade unions, his great works and huge waist . . . For heaven's sake, spare us a return to the past." Yves Michel, the author of this letter, expresses the anger felt by many on the French right about the corruption and incompetence of the Mitterrand years: though of course there has been sleaze on the

Right as well. By new Labour standards, the French Socialist Party ought still to be unelectable. There is the recent nemory of the failures of 14 years of a Socialist President. The present leader, Lionel Jospin, is still unreconstructed, rather closer to Michael Foot than to Tony Blair. Even the Social Democratic Austrian Chancellor, Viktor Klima, in praising Blair, had to sidestep the implication that Jospin is "démodé". M Jospin has no answers to the questions that have been put to him by Alain Juppe, the Prime Minister: How can he finance Socialist policies without higher taxes? How can he prevent illegal immigration without the Pas-qua-Debre laws? How can he build Europe in coalition with the anti-European communists? Which side of his party will win the battle over privatisation? There are no good inswers; it is almost as though the Labour Party had fought the 1997 election in Britain on its 1987 mani-

# How France could sink the euro

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Yet the opinion poils have been moving in favour of the Socialists; it possible that the next government of France will be a coalition of the Left including Communist ministers. How could this happen? To start with, both the President, Jacques Chirac, and the Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, are very unpopular. As the former President Giscard d'Estaing has written, "a majority of the French are dissatisfied with the way

they are being governed". This is very like the resentment against John Major's administration, but in some ways it is worse. France has very high unemploy ment: about 70 per cent higher than Britain's. It also has very high taxation: about 25 per cent higher than Britain's. The Conservatives had been in power for 18 years; the Gaullists have had a majority in the Assembly for only four years, and have held the Presidency for only two. The Gaullists have governed worse, broken more promises and become more unpopular more rapidly than John Major.

President Chirac called the election a year early because he thought his party would do worse the longer he waited. The reason for that is the need to reduce the government deficit

festo, when the reform of the party had only just begun. to meet the Maastricht criteria. The programme of austerity and dellation comes at a time when one French worker in eight is already unemployed. Alain Juppé's campaign theme comes down to this: Things are bad now, and if you re-elect us, we will make them much

The Socialists may be incoherent. but the Facists, however unpleasant, are not. Already public opinion polls are giving the National Front 16 per cent of the vote on May 25, which is

## William Rees-Mogg

the first ballot. Jean-Marie Le Pen has coined the phrase "better Jospin than Juppe", and has decided that National Front candidates will stay in for the second ballot, taking votes

from the government candidates. ional Front are unemployment and immigration. Jacques Chirac promised to reduce unemployment as President: he has not even tried to do

severe laws to stop illegal immigration; it has played the anti-immigrant card, but rather clumsily. Indeed, Jean-Louis de Brie, the

Interior Minister, has had to apologise for the anti-immigrant remarks he made at the start of the campaign. He said on April 28: Will you accept that foreigners should come to your home install themselves there, open your Frigidaire and help themselves?" He now says he meant to refer only to illegal immigrants. Even so, he has shown willingness but not the ability to try to beat the but not the ability to try to beat the National Front at its own game. If his Frigidaire sound-bite is not racist, I do not know what would be.

n this strange election, there are many cross-currents. Significant many cross-currents. Significant supporters of the government parties, including Phillippe Séguin. Alain Madelin and Charles Pasqua, are opposed to the Juppe regime. They offer an alternative on the Right, but if the Socialists win the election, it will be too late for them, as well as for Juppe himself. There is growing national resentment at the arrogance and elitism of the French political class. One candidate has been attacked as "enarque, mondain et parachuté", a graduate of the Ecole Nationale, and an outsider. The real

come to distrust and dislike the political class. As Giscard has said, The French wish to be governed in

The election has already become venomous enough; there is no way, yet, of knowing who will be the victor on June 1. My own feeling is that once an election starts to slide away from a government, it usually goes on sliding. When President Chirac called this premature election, the first polls showed a government majority of around 40 seats; now that is down to zero. If Giscard is right, the French may have decided to change their government, even to one which could be considerably worse. For the French to vote for Lionel Jospin is a temptation of despair rather than an expression of

hope.
Yet this is a very important election. The French Left is wholly committed to reducing unemployment. The propaganda talks of 700,000 new jobs. That cannot be achieved without accepting a higher deficition than the Manastricht 3 per cent deficit than the Maastricht 3 per cent; nor can the other Socialist promises nor can the other Socialist promises be kept. It is a question of priorities. Lionel Jospin favours the euro in theory, but has promised to put employment first; he will depend in the Assembly upon the vote of Communists who oppose the euro as such If on June I it comes clear that the French have taken Jean-Marie Le Pen's advice, "better Jospin than Juppe", France will not be able to join the euro on anything like the Maastricht terms. The exchange dealers will sell francs and buy marks. The British Government may be spared a difficult choice. The election is depressing and may be tragic, but it could decide the future

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changes at the Foreign Office

or twenty years, a relic of empire, an 1877 portrait of General Ranajee, Prime Minister and Commanderin-Chief of Nepal, in full dress and sword in hand, has hung over the retary's desk. It was chosen by David Owen, Labour's last Foreign Secretary, to replace one of Palmerston put there a decade earlier by George Brown. But Robin Cook, the new occupant of that most elegant of Whitehall offices, is having the picture taken down: "I want some-thing that doesn't look back to the 19th century but is looking forward."
This symbolises Mr Cook's brisk

determination to make a fresh start, as he emphasised when I saw him on Friday. Like so many new ministers, he is still in the first flush of enthusiam about his new office, relishing the chance to use the levers of power after so long in opposition. Never lacking confidence in himself. he will today launch a grandly titled Mission Statement to proclaim his new priorities.

Mr Cook is Labour's 11th Foreign Secretary — enough for a cricket team, he remarks, though he would not be happy with all his team-mates. They have been a motley bunch. from Ramsay MacDonald (who combined the post with the premiership in 1924), via the giant Ernest Bevin in the late 1940s, the hapless Herbert Morrison (at least in that post), the exuberant George Brown and the avuncular James Callaghan to the brash David Owen. Mr Cook. a critic of some of them in his unilateralist days, accepts that it is hard to define a distinctively socialist foreign policy from this record, and he is therefore reluctant to define a specifically "new" Labour foreign policy.
But reflecting a longstanding Labour belief in a moral and ethical



approach, he talks about "solidarity at an international level and inter-dependence". Today's statement will emphasise the global environment (particularly climate change), human rights and controls on arms exports. A moratorium on British use of land mines has already been announced, and a review is under way on sales of arms to Indonesia. This will be a test of the relative strengths of the contending schools of human rights and trade-comes-first, and it will be closely watched in many quarters. There are echoes of David Owen in Mr Cook's desire to open up the Foreign Office, breaking down hierarch-

ies, opening up communications and the like. Sir David Puttnam has even been commissioned to make a video to be sent to missions abroad. Mr Cook is backing a new "offshore" -- and independently financed -- Foreign Policy Centre, to bring together academics, outside specialists and commentators to provide alternative policy advice. When I suggested that Chatham House (the Royal Institute for International Affairs) was sup-

posed to perform that role, he replied: "With no disrespect to that most august institution, I want something a little more questioning, more probing and more irreverent." But his most important test will be

Europe. Mr Cook is exploiting the goodwill that exists towards a new administration that is willing to negotiate in earnest and to make a success of negotiations rather than heckling from down the table and seeking to undermine negotiations". Mr Cook talks of a "dramatic" response and "great enthusiasm" on his trips to Paris and Bonn. However, all new Foreign Secretaries sound optimistic about building a new relationship with France and Germany to create a Big Three, and they have all been disappointed. Mr Cook sounds almost like a Conservative of the less sceptical era before Margaret Thatcher's Bruges speech. Both Europeans and Americans will be pleased that he has no hang-

Instead, he describes the alleged British choice between the Atlantic and Europe as an "absolutely pointless dichotomy. Britain is going to be a more valued, and valuable, ally of America if it is a nation that carries influence in Europe". However, he stresses the affinity between Tony Blair and Bill Clinton, and his own similarities of approach with Madeleine Albright, the American Secretary of State: "We share an activism.

in our foreign policy."

But the problems at the Foreign Office, and many policies, are the same as they were under the Conservatives. Enlargement of the European Union, reform of the common agricultural policy and completion of the single market will be no easier to achieve just because there is a new British Government. Mr Cook still has to produce something for the fishing industry on quota-hopping. But instead of threatening to block agreement at the Amsterdam summit, he talks more guardedly of the need for progress on the issue then 2 Blancite era.

progress it is "probably better not to shout 'No' at everything". He is hoping that Britain will be given a proper legal basis for retaining external border controls. He is willing to consider more co-operation on drugs and international crime. general flexibility clause proposed by France and Germany to allow an inner core of nations to develop new arrangements under the EU's umbrella. He also opposes any moves towards turning the EU into a defence organisation, or undermining foreign policy co-operation. Under the Cook approach, Britain might be a more harmonious member of the EU, but it will still not be in

dbin Cook remains a sceptic aliout European monetary innon. When I suggested that Gordon Brown's decision last Tuesday to give the Bank of England operational responsibility for setting interest rates could open the way to British participation, his reply was an unequivocal no. Gordon and Tony both made it very plain that it was a decision about the Bank and interest-rate policy in Britain, and in no way prompted by, or to be seen as, a step towards monetary union." While not ruling out participation in the current Parliament, he repeats his campaign refrain that it is "unlikely". Mr Brown, however, wants to keep open that option. Watch for skirmishes here - and possibly the key battle of

His Government. Mr Ceek wants to remain involved in domestic politics despite the long periods of travelling. Of course, he will have Mr Blair's ear, since much of the travel is with the Prime Minister. He is also on Mr Blair's new strategy committee, and is represented on the daily co-ordination meetings chaired by Peter Mandelson. And he is keen to press his views on constitutional change, particularly electoral reform.

What Mr Cook really wants is the wider influence of Bevin or Calla-gian Despite his own left-wing past. Min Cook says that Bevin is the Labour Foreign Secretary he ad-mines most: Perhaps he ought to find all portrait of Bevin for the empty space over his mantlepiece — an acceptable "old" Labour hero for the

## Own goal

RIPPLING through the classics libraries of Europe is the unusual sound of mulish laughter. A stylish hoax has been perpetrated on that most dour of German publications, Der Neue Pauly, the classical encyclopedia founded in Stuttgart in 1839 by the philologist and notorious party bore August

News of the trick emerged when a fax arrived at Pisa's Biblioteca della Normale from the hoaxer. signing himself M. Mei. who is believed to be someone once slight-

ed by the Pauly pointyheads.

There in column \$95 of the first volume of the latest Neue Pauly is the entry for "Apopudobalia. a Greek word roughly translatable as "football". "An ancient sport." pronounces Pauly. probably an early form of the modern football, although the details are not known. In fourth century BC Corinth, in the Gymnastika of Achilleus Taktikos there are the 'andres apopudobalontes' (men who hit the ball with

their feet")." According to the bogus entry, a

leading "apopudobalontes", and in the first and second centuries AD, the sport was taken by the Roman legions to Britain, from where it spread still further. Despite its enormous popularity, it was condemned in early Christian writings and does not appear after the



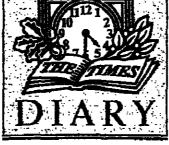
Classic display of skills

In the brief bibliography ending the entry, three authors are listed: A. Pila, B. Pedes and M. Sammer. In Latin, pila means ball and pedes means foot. Manhias Sammer currently plays in defence for Borussia Dortmund and ■ The latest to jump from the Tory

bridge is Steve Hilton. 27. who helped to run the Tories' disastrous election advertising campaign from Central Office. Tutored in the dark arts by Maurice Saatchi, he was credited with much of the work on the "Labour's tax bombshell" campaign in 1992 and the demon eyes last year. Now, however, he is preparing to leave his mentor's company. M&C Saatchi, to form a rival with friends. Doubtless it will be joining the queue to bid for the Tory account for the next election.

#### Horseplay

NOWHERE was the social shift of the past ten days more obvious than at Badminton on Saturday. Strolling among the country sport lovers with his bodyguards, ignoring the anti-hunting stands. was the new Foreign Secretary. Robin Cook. Though a noted racing fan.



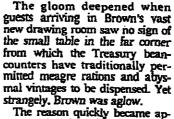
his love of three-day-eventing is something quite new,

Meanwhile, eyeing him jealously through the crowd was Sebastian Coe, who was ousted as Tory MP for Falmouth and Camborne, and who was watching his own horse tackling the cross-country.

#### It's got to be

**EXPECTATIONS** were low at Gordon Brown's drinks party for Treasury officials and journalists on Friday evening. In a week in which the talk had been of no lunching and government austerity, Brown. whose reputation is that of joyless roundhead-in-chief, had capped it all by saying his bash would be financed out of his own rather than the public pocket.





parent when he pointed to a door leading off the drawing room. There was a whole room filled with cases far more palarable than the



'I'm programming it to go off in a huff

Treasury ever provided. "If this is what they mean by lifting the dead hand of Treasury dogma and private-public partnership," said one of the guests, "long may it

● In Washington last week, John F. Kennedy Jr. was working out in the gym of the Four Seasons hotel. In front, a woman grinding away on the treadmill spotted the hunks: reflection in the mirror, turned to stare and came crashing off the machine. Biceps Kennedy just kept on flexing.

#### Fawsley towers

CHIEF among the Tory leftovers that Labour is keen to shift is Lord. St John of Fawsley, chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission. The new custodians of the Department of National Heritage would prefer a chairman with fewer Tory affili-

ations, political and cultural.

Their task, however, may not be easy. Fawsley has three years left-on his contract, and when determined can be harder to budge than egg on a silk dressing gown. Time then for some lateral thinking

Labour is wondering if cutting down on his perks, such as his government car, might encourage him



to quit. Then there are the Commission's handsome offices in St James's Square. The threat of relocation to, say, Portland House in Stag Place, home of the modish Millennium Commission and Arts Council Lottery Board, may well be enough either to send Fawsley packing or at least ensure a sudden conversion leftwards. .. Perhaps that new Labour purple wasn't so bad after all

#### THE BRIDGE BUILDER

Another papal milestone in Lebanon

NO PEACE, NO PRIVILEGE

Sinn Fein can be heard only when their guns fall silent

Many well-wishers have argued that the the Government of Rafik Hariri, the Pope, now 76 and in uncertain health, should travel less. They have only to look at his last two overseas tours - to Bosnia and Lebanon - to see why John Paul II still believes in his mission to bring healing and harmony to lands wracked by hatred, and why he is right. His visit to Beirut is one of the most important he has ever made. Acclaimed by a crowd of 300,000 people, the largest gathering Lebanon has ever seen, the pontiff has preached reconciliation and renewal, freedom and dignity. He has been a true bridge-builder, helping to reconstruct the links between Christianity and Islam in Lebanon, where the badge of faith has not been a symbol of piety but a flag of civil war. His reception by Maronite, Druze, Shia and Sunni leaders is a confirmation that Lebanon's long conflict is over, and that the nation may, at last, be at peace with itself.

The importance of the Pope's visit lies not only in the spiritual comfort it brings to an embattled Christian community that has seen its temporal power eclipsed and its spiritual values disfigured; it is because in Lebanon, as in Ireland, religion still implies political allegiance. The Pope had therefore to tread a careful line in his pronoucements; for whatever he said could have been taken by the former warring communities either as support for their embattled positions or betrayal of their cause. In fact, despite infirmity, he demonstrated all the political agility which have made him one of the most

influential Popes of this century.

He told the Lebanese that the sufferings of the past years had not been in vain and they would strengthen Lebanon's freedom and unity. He called on the country to recover "total independence, complete sovereignty and unambiguous freedom". As everyone in the crowd knew, Lebanon is not yet free. It is a fieldom of Syria, whose 35,000 troops and military satraps have the final say in what played its part.

democracy's privilege must abide by its

decency. Sinn Fein may have secured 16 per

cent of the popular vote in Northern Ireland

and two MPs; but Martin McGuinness and

Gerry Adams are not entitled to the same

as long as the party they lead continues to

egists should enjoy Westminster's facilities

while their associates continue to prosecute a

murderous campaign to undermine democ-

energetic Muslim Prime Minister, can do. And no community resents this more bitterly than the Christians.

The Pope, whose conviction that Christian communities must have political freedom was forged in his Polish homeland in the days of communism, was able to direct his remarks as much at Israel, which maintains a border occupation zone in the south, as at Syria. He did not explicitly support the call for withdrawal made by Lebanese bishops after a Vatican synod in 1995. But his remarks will give Lebanese Christians the same comfort that his anti-communist stance gave to embattled East Europeans in the days before the fall of the Berlin Wall. The message to both Jerusalem and Damascus is that they should halt their proxy war in Lebanon, restore the country's long lost sovereignty and allow the internal healing process, which has led to such a remarkable economic recovery, to be completed without

Such hopes are bound to be disappointed until Israel and Syria are ready to make peace with each other. Dennis Ross, the indefatigable American Middle East envoy. has returned to the region for the second time in a month, and is again suggesting that the stalled peace process can yet be restarted. Encouragingly, despite the pessimism on all sides, both Arabs and Israelis appear willing to make one more effort. It will, however, be a long time before this encompasses Lebanon Meanwhile, the Pope has counselled continued patience and fortitude for Lebanese, Christians and Muslims. The intervention of Syria ended their civil war, the best way of convincing Damascus that its troops no longer need to patrol the streets is to continue the reconciliation and physical rebirth of a once devastated country. The Pope's visit has

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### BBC's pursuit of the young and the quality of its output

From Mr David Lowe

Sir, I have been making radio programmes for the BBC and the independent local radio sector since 1981. In recent years, however, I have witnessed first hand the often undignified scramble for ever younger audi-

At the same time, I have looked on with an increasing sense of helplessness as the more mature and more discerning listeners and viewers have been systematically sacrificed on the altars of "yoof culture", positive discrimination, tokenism and political

Now, to add insult to injury, Michael Jackson, the new chief executive of Channel 4, criticises his former employer, the BBC, for still being "weak" in talking to young people (report, May 7; see also leading article, May 8). In an attempt to bring some level of meaning to his argument, he has thrown in the now obligatory sociopolitical mantras about women and the BBC's perceived southern Eng-

What these criticisms fail to take into account is that, while young people are out clubbing and pubbing, many older and more discerning listeners and viewers are channelhopping in an attempt to find something — anything — of relevance to their eyes and ears. Surely substance should be the name of the game: the kind of substance that once helped to create for British radio and television a global reputation for excellence.

The largest single generation this century — the baby-boomers — is ra-

Sir. You report (May 8) that Sheffield

City Council did not consider fraud

perpetrated against it by nearly 80 of

its employees to be a serious enough

reason to sack those concerned. The

police, in turn, appear to have taken

the view that if the frauds were not

serious enough to warrant sacking,

the Crown Prosecution Service was

unlikely to prosecute.

Most criminal proceedings are commenced by the police. The CPS

will continue the proceedings if there

is sufficient evidence and if it is in the

Generally, the graver the offence the less likely it is it would not be in

the public interest to prosecute or con-

tinue a prosecution. The courts regard

breach of trust cases, such as theft

particularly serious light, which is re-

Sheffield City Council may be con-

tent to employ fraudsters, but does the

CPS in Sheffield really not regard it as

in the public interest to prosecute in

such cases? If the CPS would general-

ly regard it as being in the public in-

terest, why are Sheffield police alleg-

edly advising the council to the con-

Yours sincerely

(Senior lecturer).

Law School

May 8.

MICHAEL GOULD

Staffordshire University,

From Mr Neil Addison

Leek Road, Stoke on Trent, ST4.

Cherie Blair picture

Sir, The disgraceful decision, in my

view, of many newspapers (and TV news programmes) to use a photo-

graph of Cherie Blair in a nightgown

in her own home, will hopefully be the

Under the Protection from Harass-

ment Act 1997, due to come into force

shortly, Mrs Blair would be entitled to

take out injunctions against the editor

of any newspaper (or indeed TV pro-

gramme) that might consider publish-

ing similarly intrusive photographs in

the future. Breach of such an injunc-

tion will be punishable by up to five

years' imprisonment. Photographers

will also be liable to arrest for crimi-

Proper investigative journalism is a

public good, but besieging a private

house in the hope of catching individ-

uals in an off-guard moment cannot

Blackstone's Guide to the Protection

last example of intrusive journalism.

flected in sentencing in such cases.

public interest to do so.

When to prosecute

From Mr Michael Gould

pidly approaching retirement age. Yet its share of the radio and television cake is being eroded at such a rate that it may disappear well before they reach that stage.

Yours faithfully, DAVID LOWÉ, 8 Windsor Close, Torquay, Devon.

From Mr Michael Jackson

Sir. Your leading article, "Unusual channels", gave an extremely partial account of comments I made about the BBC at a press conference on Tuesday. In fact I went out of my way to say that I believe the BBC is in very good creative shape and, as you reported (May 7), that I supported the recent changes in the BBC structure.

My comments on the BBC's difficulties with certain audience groups were simply a statement of fact about something of which the BBC is aware and is addressing.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL JACKSON, c/o 201 Ashmore Road, W9.

From the Chief Executive of BBC Broadcast

Sir, The BBC is a house of many mansions and Brenda Maddox (Media and Marketing, May 7) should not make an assumption that a door that opens for a departing executive does not admit fresh incoming talent on the counterswing.

Not to detract from Michael Jackson's skills, the raft of success enjoyed

Payment of pensions

Sir, Some ten years ago you were kind

enough to publish a letter from me op-

posing attempts by the DSS to per-

suade pensioners to adopt the "direct

credit to bank" method of payment of

state pensions. I have recently receiv-

ed a similar exhortation from my

Banks, in my view, should not advo-cate a practice which — since retire-

ment pensions credited in this way are

paid four weeks in arrear - loses their

customers money. However, there is

Many banks have closed their rural

branches and their place as a source

of cash has been largely taken by post

offices. The commission received for

acting as agents of the Government

makes this role worth the post offices'

If many bank customers respond

positively to renewed "poaching", the

result can only be a further decline in

the number of rural post offices.

another important objection.

From Mr A. T. Clark

by BBC Television over the past few years has been achieved by close teamwork involving a great many people. BBCl has stabilised its audience share and narrowed the gap with ITV, BBC2 has outpaced Channel 4 and the awards have flooded in - 12 out of 16 from Bafta alone last week.

Our rivals are bound to raid our talent locker. But the BBC is a vast community of creative people, constantly being refreshed at every level - not least at the top by such recent recruits as Paul Jackson and Jane Root from the independent sector and Roger Wright from Deutsche Grammo-

Yours faithfully, WILL WYATT. Chief Executive, BBC Broadcast. Broadcasting House, Portland Place, WI.

From Dr David Brancher

Sir. You report today that the BBC is moving Panorama aside to make way for a sitcom. And its reason, it seems, is to maintain audience figures against commercial television.

Surely there is a better rationale for the existence of a public channel than the mere counting of eyeballs. If the BBC cannot find one, I, for one, am ready to vote against the licence fee.

Yours faithfully, D. M. BRANCHER, Ashfield.

Albany Road, Abergavenny, Gwent. May 8.

From Mr Ernest F. Smith

Sir, On April 19 I received from the Paymaster General's Office the annual notification of the amounts of my Civil Service pension and tax deducted during the year ended April 5, 1997, together with the amount of my pension for the forthcoming year. Within the accompanying correspondence there was a note to the effect that from April 1, 1997, the work of the PGO had been privatised.

Perhaps, in view of the recently publicised additional costs, running into hundreds of millions of pounds, following privatisation of information technology in the Inland Revenue and the Child Support Agency (report, In-terface, April 16) I should not have been surprised that I was sent, in separate envelopes, two identical notifi-

During the past 12 years in which I call any error of omission or commission by the civil servants of the PGO. Is it too much to hope that the credit to my bank account will also be duplicated?

since the beginning of the century,

when hot-metal type faces were used.

transformed the look of the printed

page with a huge choice of type faces.

station poster, one would assume that

whoever is responsible for their pro-

duction is unaware of this graphic re-

Sir, As the Church of England has

been described as the Tory Party at

prayer, must we now expect an even

further decline in church attendances?

Hope Cove, Kingsbridge, Devon.

Sir, A vote of thanks is due to your

journalists, photographers and car-toonists for the fun and laughter they

Yet, looking at last week's polling-

colours, styles and layouts.

Time for a change?

PAUL CHADWICK,

45 Empress Road, Derby.

From Mr J. B. Hughes

From Mrs P. E. Denyer

have given to the campaign.

Yours faithfully,

Yours faithfully,

J. B. HUGHES,

Hope House,

May 4.

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Laser printers, for example, have

Yours truly, ERNEST SMITH, 84 Middleton Road. Bognor Regis, West Sussex.

#### Yours faithfully, A, T. CLARK. Winterseeds, Church Path. Shinton-under-Wychwood.

Post-election 97 From Mr Julian Nicol

Oxfordshire.

May 7.

Sir, At last the nation has departed the hustings and society can return to its relatively normal pastime of attacking the Government.

However, it appears from The Times (reports, leading article and letters, May 7) and other newspapers that Mr Brown is to be congratulated for his innovation in yielding control of interest rates to the Bank of England. Never again will a Chancellor be accused of creating an electoral

boom. His close friend the Prime Minister could earn even more points by further innovation. May I suggest that Mr Blair proposes legislation that will create fixed-term parliaments, in line with other major democracies. This would surely rid the population of the nauseating media speculation of when will Mr Blair name the day?" and allow those who wish to book

long vacations. Come on, Prime Minister, do the decent thing and put May 2, 2002, in ali our diaries.

JULIAN NICOL 70 Dale Street, York.

From Mr Paul G. Chadwick

Sir. The black and white information posters used at polling stations convey a style that has not much changed

Horsell, Woking, Surrey. a survey and the apparent reluctance of others to undertake it, we commis-

Yours etc.

Nimrod. Nursery Close,

P. E. DENYER

sioned Professor Stephen Harris at Bristol University to carry it out. The results will be published in September, when accurate information about badger numbers will at last be available. Until then we remain unsure as to whether the number of bad-

Yours faithfully, VALERIE KEEBLE, Administrator. People's Trust for Endangered 15 Cloisters House. 8 Battersea Park Road, SW8.

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#### Assessing value of evolution theory

From Mr Alan Geal

Sir. Mr Peter Talbot Willcox (letter, May 6) avers that "Evolutionism (sic) has become a dogma based upon inadequate knowledge". Although I cannot disagree with his contention that evidence of morphological adaptation, as in the Caribbean lizards' legs (report, May 1), does not necessarily. in itself, corroborate evolutionary processes, his depiction of the intellectual nature of scientific theories may be er-

roneous. The significance of the theory of evolution resides in its explanatory power: quite simply, the theory is the most cogent and expansive description of an aspect of biology that we have yet formed. Unlike dogmas, which are based on a priori principles and exclusively derive their power from authority, scientific theories are demonstrably open to failure.

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A distinguishing characteristic of a scientific theory is that it can be dis-proved by observation. Although this late has yet to overtake Darwin's great hypothesis, should another theory reace it, then all scientists will rejoice. However, its antecedents are already consigned to the domains of the history of science or fundamentalist theology. Thus, I "believe" in the theory of evolution since I wish to understand the world and, for the present, have no better theory available to me.

Whilst there may be some who hold dogmatic or authoritarian views on the absolute truth of biological evolution, this is not a strictly scientific conclusion. The evolution of species is a theory — or more precisely a set of theories — and although supported by an empirical basis it remains a mere construct of the human mind, albeit a splendid and beautiful one. As such, it is a "dogma" only in the original Greek meaning, that is, of "seeming", or "informed by opinion" — as are all scientific theories of the physical uni-

Thus finally, I must again agree with Mr Talbot Willcox: the theory of evolution is indeed based on inadequate knowledge. Such is the extent of our ignorance that the entire great edifice of science is so based. The late Sir Karl Popper expressed this clearly: The empirical basis of objective science has thus nothing "absolute" about it. Science does not rest upon solid bedrock. The bold structure of its theories rises, as it were, above a swamp. It is like a building erected on piles. The piles are driven down from above into the swamp, but not down to any natural or "given" base; and if we stop driving the piles deeper, it is not because we have reached firm ground. We simply stop enough to carry the structure, at least for

Yours faithfully: ALAN GEAL, Clevedon House, 22 Victoria Walk, Bristol.

#### Instant turn-on

From Mr Nigel Bryant

Sir, How to end the drought (letters, May 7, 9)? I bought a barbecue on Saturday, May 3. After several hours, I managed to assemble it.

Whilst I was attempting to light the charcoal it started to spit with rain. The odd drops turned into showers and eventually hailstones and snow. Yours faithfully.

NICEL BRYANT. Bridge House, Bromham, Bedford.

#### Hogging the road

From Brigadier Philip Bambury

Sir, Mr Robert Mudie (letter, May 6: see also letters, May 7, 8) asks about being trapped on the road between obstinate "crest-huggers" and impatient maniacs. This phenomenon is related to that experienced by many Army wives in moves between married quarters. They always hand over a spotless cooker and take over one which has never been cleaned.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant, PHILIP BAMBURY UK Delegation to the OSCE, Jaurésgasse 12. 1030 Vienna.

#### You have been warned

From Mr Charles Scott

Sir, On visiting the Sunderland City Magistrates Court, a splendid Victorian building in the Gothic manner, I was somewhat taken aback by the lack of taste in those administering iustice.

Attending the general office I was greeted by a handwritten sign which read "No Smoking": then only to discover two further signs displayed on the glass partition at the reception desk both of which were again handwritten and prohibited smokers, one adding the rider that this included solicitors. I then was confronted by a fourth sign in this small antechamber. also indicating a prohibition on smokers.

Perhaps it is vain to speculate on what our Victorian forefathers would have made of such vulgarity. I found it offensive.

Yours faithfully, CHARLES SCOTT. Ward Hadaway (solicitors), Town Hall Chambers, 7 Beach Road. South Shields, Tyne & Wear.

During the election campaign, republican terrorists paralysed Britain's transport system and grievously wounded a female police officer in Londonderry. Only last Friday an off-duty RUC officer was murdered by criminals who can only operate with the IRA's active conivance. Until the republican movement has moved away from violence,

racy is insupportable.

credibly and completely, it cannot expect to have its spokesmen indulged. Sinn Fein attempted to woo nationalist voters during the general election by dishonestly diluting the party's abstentionist stance. In the past, Sinn Fein MPs have not taken their place in the Commons because they do not recognise the legitimacy of Westminster rule; now they plan to take advantage of a presence in Parliament while still formally refusing to take their seats. Although they continue to decline to take the oath of allegiance which would enable them to sit in the Commons, they believe they are

of the House, from catering to computing. The Serjeant at Arms has ruled they are within their rights. These rules are wrong; . they were never intended to allow entry to those denying democratic freedom them-

nevertheless entitled to all the other facilities

Those who wish to take advantage of selves Apart from the security implications of giving terrorism's champions the run of the Commons, Sinn Fein MPs should not be able to masquerade as legitimate representatives.

Denying Adams and McGuinness access benefits as other members of the Commons to Westminster may allow them to grandstand outside and claim the attention of the support the IRA's armed struggle. The idea agrammas for the day, but it is more important that republicanism's two most senior strat. for the British state to affirm that politicians who support violence cannot escape the consequences of their actions. Nor can voters who wish to be represented at Westminster escape the consequences of

rejecting constitutional nationalism If Sinn Fein is perceived not to be suffering for its support for violence, then misguided elements within the majority Unionist community may draw the melancholy lesson that they too can use force, or threaten its use, to strengthen their position. With the gravest test of the marching season, the Drumcree parade, only weeks away, any weakening in the face of armed republicanism will only make the chance of a peaceful resolution to the contentious march

In its first days in office, the Labour Government has shown itself astute in its policy towards Northern Ireland. An early and positive meeting with the Irish Prime Minister and a more assertive approach to parades have been balanced by cordial contacts with the Unionist leader David Trimble and a renewed insistence on a sincere ceasefire from the IRA before Sinn Fein can enter all-party talks. Labour's landslide emboldened some republicans to believe their day had come. Mr Blair should use his own good sense and affirm that Sinn Fein can be heard there only when the guns have been silenced.

#### IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

#### This grey panther generation takes grey pooches for walkies

Humans are not alone in living longer and ageing more slowly. Man's best friend is keeping him company on his extended walk into the sunset. A survey published today demonstrates a shift in the ageing pattern of dogs. About a third of the UK's dog population of 6.5 million is now classified as senior, that is, in dogged euphemism, aged 7 to 8 or older, depending on breed. And as with humans, the proportion of elderly has increased, is increasing and will

continue to increase. This survey challenges with graphs and pie charts of age profiles the notion that a year in human age is equivalent to seven years for dogs. The truth is more complex. A dog aged one is already the equivalent of a human at 18, at eight its age equals 56, and at lo it equals 96. The pet food manufacturers are launching a senior dog food on the back of these statistics. And with it they have published a book giving advice on how to look after the older dog. This includes massage of an Alexander hound technique, hot water bottles for stiff joints, regular grooming to increase circulation and sensible (ie brief and undernanding, without too

many rabbits) exercise for older dogs. It is natural and comforting that man and dog should age together. Some old dogs are already learning new prosthetic tricks equivalent to Zimmer frames. Other older watchdogs have developed into pooch potatoes so that the only thing that they

helan inder management. Pap to 5p.

watch is television. More would undoubtedly be sent to the fashionable new profession of pet psychiatrists, except that most dogs have been trained to know that they are not allowed to go on the couch.

The connection between man and dog has always been intimate. Jane Carlyle once complained that her household's infatuated little beast danced around Thomas Carlyle on its hind legs as she ought to and could not: "He feels flattered and surprised by such unwonted capers to his honour and glory." Dogs and owners are bound by a tie more intimate than most ties in this world. And yet, outside that tie of friendly fondness. each is insensible to all that makes life significant to the other. Man cannot understand the rapture of old bones in bin-liners or lamp-posts and trees: dogs miss the delights of literature and art.

This greying of the British dog population is bringing huge profits to the veterinary profession, just as the ageing of the human copulation brings problems to the National lealth Service. Urban humans are gradually being made to become more responsible about the mess and noise that their dogs make. While humans who work with dogs may have become less ruthless about putting them down as soon as they become no use for work. Dog has always been a parable as well as a companion. So there is no reason why an old dog should not now teach man new tricks about age.

West Road Chambers, 148 West Road, Newcastle upon Tyne. Мау б.

Badger culi

be in the public interest.

Yours sincerely, NEIL ADDISON (co-author,

from Harassment Act,1997).

nai harassment.

From Mr Richard Micklethwait Sir, Your report, "Vets back demand for badger cull to save cattle from TB" (May 6), reminded me of a meeting I attended a couple of years ago where the Ministry of Agriculture gave a presentation of what seemed to me to be a mix of bad science and bad politics to explain the increase of TB in

I came away totally unconvinced that badgers were the real cause, but was subsequently impressed with the suggestion of a farmer's wife, that TB only takes hold when the cattle's immune system is depressed, as the bacilli are extremely common.

Such low immunity may occur in cattle treated with a particular longterm worming compound based on an organophosphate. This compound is so effective that the residual insecticide in cowpats prevents them being broken down as rapidly as usual. The immune system of badgers, which root in the cowpats for food, may then in turn be suppressed.
I do not believe the increasing inci-

dence of TB is likely to be solved by eliminating badgers, whose responsibility has been researched, as your report states, since the 1970s but is still unproven.

Penhein. Nr Chepstow, Monmouthshire. May 6.

Sir. In fairness to all our supporters I must point out that the badger census to which your report refers was not, as stated, commissioned by the previous Government, but by this charity.

gers in the UK as a whole is declining or rising. Yours faithfully.
RICHARD MICKLETHWAIT.

From the Administrator of the People's Trust for Endangered May 7.

Aware of the pressing need for such

#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** May 10: The Princess Royal, Patron, this afternoon attended the Gloucestershire and North Avon Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs' Sixtieth Anniversary Show at the Equine Centre, Hartpury College, near Gloucester, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire (Mr Henry Elwes).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May II: The Duke of York left Heathrow Airport, London, this afternoon for San Francisco, United States of America.

Sir Roger Hervey (Special Representative of the Secretary of

#### Royal engagements The Queen will visit the House-hold Cavalry at Windsor at 11.00 and stay to luncheon.

The Duke of Edinburgh will open the exhibition Lord Cochrane in at the Bolivar Hall, 52-54 Grafton Street, London WI at 4.15. The Princess Royal, as President Animal Health Trust, will attend a Corporate Members Reception III.

at Buckingham Palace at 3.00. Princess Margaret, as President, the Friends of the Elderly, will visit Perrins House and Davenham, the society's homes in Malvern. Worcestershire, from 12.15; and will open the exhibition a: The Arts in Venice from the 13th to the 18th Century at the European Academy for the Arts. 8 Grosvenor Place, London SW] at 6.30.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President Cancer Research Campaign. accompanied by the Duchess of Gloucester, will attend a celebra-tion of Dance, in aid of the Lord

#### Dinner

Lord Mayor of Westminster The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster were the hosts at a dinner held yesterday at City Hall for past lord mayors.

State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs) was present and took leave of His Royal Highness. Major Timothy Allan is in anendance. CLARENCE HOUSE

May 11: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present at the Annual Memorial Service and Parade of the Combined Cavalry Old Comrades which was held in Hyde Park this morning, when Her Majesty took the salute and laid a wreath on the Cavalry

The Lady Margaret Colville and attendance.

#### Mr Colin Welch

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Colin Welch will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Thursday, May 15, at noon.

#### John Philip (Jack) Le Quesne

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Jack Le Quesne will be held School on Sunday, May 25, 1997, at 11.15am. Further details are avail-able from the School (Tel: 01343)

#### Memorial parade

Royal Marines Association Major-General D.A.S. Pennefather. Commandant General Royal Marines, and Lieutenant-General Sir Steuart Pringle laid a wreath at the Royal Marines Memorial in The Mall yesterday. The Rev Basil Watson officiated.

#### Latest wills

Sir Henry Nevile, former Lord-Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, of Aubourn Hall, Lincoln, left estate valued at £3.369,074 net. Sonia Sarah Morris, of London NWS, left estate valued at

#### Birthdays today

Mr Burt Bacharach, composer, 68; Mr Alan Ball, football manager, 52: Mr N.D. Cadbury, chairman. Cadbury Schweppes, 57: Professor Sir Cyril Chantler, paediatrician, 58: Mr M.A. Coates, former chairman. Price Waterhouse, 73: the Earl of Cork and Orrery, 81; Mr John Floyd, auctioneer, 74; Miss Susan Hampshire, actress, 55: Mr H.V. Hodson, former Editor, The Ignatieff, writer, 50; Miss Helena Kennedy, QC, 47; the Earl of Kimberley, 73; Dr David Kimble, former Vice-Chancellor, Univer-Dunphail, 74; Mr Eric Lvall. former chairman, Pearl Group, 73;

44: Sir Roger Moate, former MP, 59; the Right Rev Hugh Montefiore, former Bishop of Birmingham, 77; Ms Jenni Murray, broadcaster, 47; Mr Christopher Patten, Governor of Hong

Kong. 53. Miss Rosalind Savill, director, The Wallace Collection, 46: Mr Frederick Smithies, trade unionist, and broadcaster, 60; Miss Deborah Warner, theatre director, 38; Mr Charles Winnifrith, clerk of committees. House of Commons. singer, 49; Sir Paul Wright, dip-lomat. 82.

## Leading musicians in fight to save collection

## Priceless manuscripts are turning to dust

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN NAPLES

CAMPAIGN has been launched to save an endangered collection of priceless Italian musical manuscripts, with two leading figures in the music world — Riccardo Muti, the conductor, and Roberto De Simone, head of the Naples Conservatoire and an opera director at the San Carlo Theatre - appealing

for European-wide help. Signor Muti is normally associated with La Scala in Milan. But he was born in Naples, and studied piano and composition at the Conservatoire of San Pietro a Majella. His signed photograph hangs at the Conservatoire next to a portrait of Donizetti, who taught counterpoint there as well as managing the San Carlo for

The Conservatoire has an extraordinary collection of musical manuscripts and letters stretching back to the 16th century, by composers such as Puccini, Rossini, Verdi, Pergolesi, Monteverdi, Berlioz and Bellini. But the collection lies in uncatalogued piles in the Conservatory library, and the precious paper crumbles to the touch. Some of the music has not been played since it was written hundreds of years ago and is turning to

Signor Muti. who has collaborated with Signor De Simone on many operas, said the collection was a unique and irreplaceable record. "There are vast numbers of unique autographed manuscripts, and rare early copies

Curlews are nesting on the moors:

their four blotchy eggs lie in the form of a cross in a hollow in the

heather. The male performs song-

flights above the nest, its song trill-ing out faster and faster as it climbs.

hovers and glides to earth again.
Lapwings have four eggs similarly arranged in their nests in the
fields. The chicks run and hide in

the grass as soon as they hatch, but

it takes a month before they are large enough to fly. Chaffinches

are nesting in the lorks of apple trees, and greenlinches building

their bulky nests in dense ever-

are back, with grasshopper warblers making their high-pitched

reeling song in marshy scrub, and

wood warbiers singing in the

beech woods.

Guelder rose bushes are in

bloom: the rosenes have a mass of small creamy flowers in the middle

and an outer ring of large white

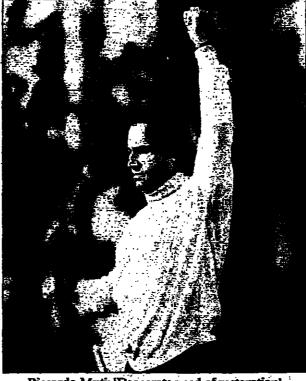
of printed music. Renaissance treatises on the art of music, letters from the greatest composers and musicians, opera libretti ... incredible riches! But it is all uncatalogued, unedited and in desperate need of restoration. At the Conservatoire, an

elegant if crumbling oasis of 18th-century calm just off the bustle of a rundown Naples side-street, Signor De Simone points out the cracks in the walls and ceilings which date from the Naples earthquake of 1980. "With Muti's help I am trying to save a national treasure," he said. "But ab-surdly we are classified as a school library, and come under the Ministry of Education, not the Ministry of Culture. So we get no staff or funding from the state. We have one librarian, but we can only afford to pay him to come 12 hours a week."

Appointed a year ago, Si-gnor De Simone, 63, is worshipped by his students, who are relieved that a musician has been out in charge and not a colourless bureaucrat. This spring he has been staging an opera-bouffe by Donizetti at the San Carlo Theatre. A small, birdlike man with

a black cape draped theatrically over his shoulders, he talks non-stop about his musical passions, including the folk music of the Campania, the Naples region. He bas astonished local people by inviting schoolchildren to come into the Conservatoire for music lessons in the afternoon. "I get a lot of support

Nature notes



Riccardo Muti: 'Desperate need of restoration'

from Antonio Bassolino, the mayor, who has offered help with restoring the building. But we need help with the archives, too. There is no air conditioning and this place burns like an oven in

Signor De Simone has rescued some remarkable memorabilia from the basement and put them on display: a tiny ebony harp by Stradivarius (thought to be the only one he ever made), Wahner's visiting card (he was at the Conservatoire while writing Parsiful), a plaster cast of Verdi's hands, Scarlatti's marble inkstand, castanets used by the Bourbon Queen Maria Carolina to dance the tarantella, and a pair of embroidered

braces that were Bellini's. But according to Signor Muti, the library is in a precarious state. "There is a grave danger that it will be lost irrecoverably" he and Signor De Simone wrote in a oint appeal to the Italian Government. They are prepared to make a noise literally: at the end of last year Signor De Simone took his brass and percussion students down to the San Carlo on the first night of the new season,

and while operagoers streamed in to hear Pavarotti in Puccini's Tosca, they held up placards and banners about the plight of the Conser vatoire. Then we played the triumphal march from Verdi's Aida — very loudly.

## Memorial services

Marvin Weil gave addresses. Among others present were:

Professor Godfrey Bond
A service of thanksgiving for the
life of Professor Godfrey Bond,
Emeritus Fellow of Pembroke Coll-

ege and a former Public Orator of Oxford University, was held on Saturday at the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford: The Rev Dr John Platt, Chaplain of Pernhroke College, officiated Miss Catherine Bond (daughter) read Remember Me by Christina Ros-setti and Mr Dan Wilson, a Pembroke undergraduate, read from the works of W.B. Yeats. Sir Robert Carswell gave an address. Among others present were
Mrs Bond (widow), Mr and Mrs
Kingsmill Bond (son and daughter),
Dr Ian Beaumonr (son-tin-law), Mr
and Mrs J M Kingsmill Moore
(brother-in-law) and sixter-in-law),

luncheons and dinners are on the facing page

#### Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.L. Bullough and Lady Georgina Murray The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs Michael Bullough, of Westmains of Huntingtower, Perth, and Georgina, only daugh-ter of the Earl and Countess of Mansfield and Mansfield, Scone Palace, Perth.

Mr T.J. Brennan and Miss G.S. Perceval Maxwell The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Brennan, of Wilmington, Delaware, USA, and Georgina, elder daughter of Commander Richard Perceval Maxwell, RN, and Mrs Perceval Member of Lote Weisshire Maxwell, of Holt, Wiltshire.

Major W.A. Grace and Miss P.P.A. Shakerley The engagement is amounced between William, younger son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Grace, of Frampton, Dorset, and Philippa, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Shakerley, of Leighton.

Mr R.E.Q. Gurney and Miss S.A. Mahood The engagement is announced between Robert Edward Quintin, son of Mr and Mrs David Gurney, of Bawdeswell Hall, Norfolk, and Samantha Alice, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony, Mahood, of Finchampstead,

and Miss F.M. McMichael hetween Robbie, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Lauchlan, of Crieff, Perthshire, and Fions, daughter of Professor and Mrs Andrew McMichael, of Beckley.

Mr E.H.S. Milliken and Miss L.J. Fraser The engagement is armounced between Hugh, youngest son of the late Mr Julian Milliten and of Mrs Julian Milliken, of Abinge Hammer, Surrey, and Lucy. daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Fraser, of Weybridge, Surrey

Mr A.G.R. Windham and Miss A.P.M. Houre The engagement is announced between Ashe, elder son of Mr and Mrs William Windham, of Glasbury-on-Wye, Powys, and Arabella, daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Hoare, of Louberdy,

#### Church in Wales

The Rev Paul Noble Thompson, Vicar of Llapharan with Peterston Super Montein, will be licensed to the Parish of Barry All Saints, from July I, and also be Diocesan Youth Chaplain for three years. The Rev Elfred Hughes, Vicar of Llantrisant, retired through ill health on May I.

#### Church news

The Rev David Berryman, Team Rector, Coventry East (Coventry): to be Team Rector, Leicester, The Abbey and Priest-in-charge, Leicester St Paul's (Leicester) The Rev Kester Carruthers, Rec - Hampshire Industrial Mission.

**Marriages** 

Mr F.A.C. Pery and Miss E.C. Rhind-Tutt The murriage took place on Sat-urlay at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Wargrave, Berkshire, of Mr Fergus Pery, younger son of the Hon Michael and Mrs Pery, of Appen, Argyll, to Miss Emma Rhind-Tutt, daughter of Dr and Mrs John Rhind-Tutt, of Wargrave. The Rev John Ratings officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, and Mr James Gardiner was best man. A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in the Caribbean. Mr N. Corsellis

and Miss A. Davies The marriage took place on Saturday, May 10, in Lincoln's Inn Chapel, London, of Mr Nicholas Corsellis, elder son of Colonel and Mrs David Corsellis, to Miss Anna Davies, elder daughter of Mr W.T. Davies and Dr Judith M. Foy. Canon William Norman, Preacher of the lnn, officiated.

of the Inn, officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Mrs Louise Wijerame, Mrs Josephine Manfield, Joanne Grimmond, Mary MacLaughlin and Lowri, Daniel and Manon Davice Mr. James Corsellis was Davies, Mr James Corsellis best man.

A reception was held at the Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn, and the honeymoon will be spent abroad. Mr R. Chaplin

and Miss LM. Proudlove The marriage took place on Sat-orday, May 10, 1997, at the Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Boldre, Hampshire, of Mr Rowan Chaplin, son of Mr and Mrs Alan Chaplin, of Plummers Plain, Suschapm, of huminest radii, see, so Miss Lucy Proudlove, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Proudlove, of Lymington, Hampshire. The Rev T.J. Spong

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was at-tended by Miss Charlotte Woolland, Douglas Lawson, Rowan Lawson and James Warren. Mr Henry Lawson was best

A reception was held at Boldre

Mr N.O. Pasha and Miss S.M. Norris Nuntial Mass was celebrated in the Eglise St Sixte, Perols, France. after the marriage, at Perols Mairie on Saturday, May 3, 1997, of Mr Nicholas Omer Pasha, son of Mr Mohamed Kamai Pasha and Mrs Elizabeth R. Pasha, of

Denver, Norfolk, to Miss Sophie

Mairead Norris, daughter of the late Mr David Joseph Norris and of Mrs Roberta M. Norris, of Pernis, France. The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Mr Andrew Norris, was attended by Miss Emily Norris, Mr David Costes was best man.

A reception was held at the Chateau is Mogère, Montpellier, France, and the honeymoon will be

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## PERSONAL COLUMN

Be strong and resolute; you must not dread them or be afraid, for the Lord your God himself accompanies you; he will not let you down or forsake you.' Deuteronomy 31:6

BIRTHS

BIRLMAN - On May 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Siobhén (née McNicholas; and Throthy, a son, Charlie a brother for Johnny.

FERNELLY - On May 8th, to Aminol (née Sebesta) and Anthony, a son, William Kenyon, a brother for Oliver, LEEMING - On 6th May in Peterborough Hospital, to Susan (nee Warde) and Matthew, a daughter, Bosie Beatrice, a sister for Alice Catherine.

PEEL - On the 8th May 1997 at St James's Hospital Leeds to Marcia nee Robinson and Robert, a son Alexander

SYMONS - On May 2nd in Reading, to Helen (nee Sabin) and Peter, a daughter, Karis Annabelle, a sister for

ANNIVERSARIES

BF, Ti amero per sempre, DEATHS

ARMITAGE - Edith died peacofully in the loving care of The Holl, Thornton-le-Dale, her home for the past five years, on Thursday 8th May 1977 in her 93rd year. Soloved wife of the late Vic, mother of John, Jean, Andrey and Anthony, granny, greater of the past of the late of the late Vic, mother of John, Jean, Andrey and Anthony, granny, greater of gratefully doctor

granny, friend and family doctor gratefully remembered by so many. Private cremation followed by Thanksgiving Service at 2.15 pm on Friday 16th May 1997 at All Saints' Parish Church, Thornton-le-Dale, Pickering, Family Rowers, donations to Red Cross at the church or the Mark Marks. the church or c'o Mrs M.G.M. Moore, Applegarth, Eastfield Road, Pickering, North Yorkshire YOLS 7HU.

ARMYTAGE - On May 6th equal 66, in a Turin Hospital, Vivian Frances Helen dearly loved sister of Michael and Joan (Lever)

Joan (Lover)
BARGUET - Phoebe (née
Millor) On May 9th in
Galeworthy House, Kingston.
After a long libres, aged 87.
Much loved wife of the late
Louis Charkham and the late
Raymond Barquet. Devoted
mother of Jonatham and
Stephen Charkham. Much
loved gamdmother and great
grandmother. No latters
please. Fuperal private.

CHARLES - See Griffiths. CLARK - Jack at bome on May 9th. Funeral May 16th 12:30pm Ali Saints Clovelly.

JRMSS - Donald Raymond Munro Furniss DS.O., DFC. suddenly on May 6th 1997 on the eve of his 85th

donations to the Peter Thard Neonatal Unit; Hammersmith Hospital, cle Kmyons, 74 Rochester Row, London SWI. A celebration of Dozald's life will be beld at Chelst Church, Chelsea, London SW3 on May 28th at 12 noon.

HOLY-HASTED - William Joi HOLY-HASTED - William John Tragically in an accident on May 9th aged 38 years. Adored hushand of Angela, beloved son of Etchard and Marigold and brother of Gatherine and Jennifer. Funeral at Chetnole, Family only. No flowers or donations, Memorial Service to be amounted later.

JONES - Dozothy on May 8th at Worcester, formerly of Kalso and Edinburgh, Beloved wife

KAYE - (Korndorffer) Margaret Lilly. Died pescefully aged 90 years. Much loved. Cremetion at Yeovil 330 on 14th May. 01252 838101. KIMROSS - Rupert passed away peacefully at home on 16th pracefully at home on 16th April aged 38 years. Much leved, he will be much missed. Funeral and interment at 5t Nicholas Church, Shepperton, at 11am Thursday May 22nd. Enquirles to Funeral Directors: Lodge Bros. (01932) 220081.

MUSSARED - Surbare K.
Peacefully on Sth May aged
96 years. Beloved wife of the
late fack Mussared. RFC.
Service on Thursday 15th
May at 3.15ph at Holy
Trinlty Church, Bosham.
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OGDEN - Constance Isabelle (née Daborn). Penceduly at Berkely Lodge Wortking on May 9th. Aged 97. Much loved wife and mother. Requiem Mass at St Andrews Worthing at 11 mm on Falday May 16th followed by private cremation.

private cremation.

OWEN - Phyllis Vera on Thursday 8th May aged 100 years, peacefully at Westellif Norsing Home, whitey, North Fortshire. Sister of the late Roderick Laurence McIntyre and james, much loved annt to Frae, Tim, Robin, Christopher and Weady, Service and committed at St Hilda's Church, Westelliff, Whitely, on Saturday May 17th at 10 am Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Whithy See Caders Unit TS, James Cook of Mr Chris Cowell, Head Teacher, Caedmon School, Whithy, v021 105.

PEYTON JONES - Mary Stafford, on 6th May. Tragically killed in an accident Beloved daughter of Denald and loving sister of Richard, Monica, Andrew and Joremy and darling partner of Andy Cox. Cremation at 2 pm on Friday 16th May at Honor Cak Crematorium, Forest Hill, London SP23. Thurkedvino London SP23. Thurkedvino 16th May at Honor Cak Crematorium, Forest Hill, London SE23. Themkagiving Service to be held at Eans Church, Cawsand, Comwall at 12 noon on Friday 23rd Hay. Flowers to Fact Cottage, Cawsand or donations to S.T.EA. 75, Charlotte Street, London WIF 11.8.

ROWE - Peter Walter aged 74 Beloved husband of Ann, much loved father an much loved father and grandfather. Died peacefully in the Lake District on April 28th. A Service of Celebration for his life will be held at SF Petur's Church, Prestbury, Cheshire, on 29th May 1997 at 12 noon. Donations if desired to Langdaie and Ambleside Mountain Rescue, Lake Road, Ambleside. No mounting please.

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SMARP - Suddenly on May Sth
aged 57 years, Jeanes
Christopher Sharp CBL of
Newcastle upon Tyne
(Managing Director
Northern Bock Building
Society). Mourned by his
wife Mary, son Jeremy and
daughters Kate and Rosia.
Private Funenil Service for
family and friends only at
3pm on Theedray 13th May at
5t Mary's Church,
Stamfordham followed by
private cremation. Details of
a Memorial Service will be
announced later. Family
flowers only please but
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made to Childrens Heart
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Rosd, Newcastle upon Tyne
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SMCLAM - Albert died 4th
May 1997 aged 84. Verger
Hampton Court and letterly
St Mary Woolnoth Funeral
Service at 2.30 pm on
Wednesday 14th May at the
Chapel Royal, Hampton
Court Palace, conducted by
Canon Michael Moore.
Flowers to Co-operative Flowers to Co-operative Funeral Services, Ringston-upon-Thames, tel: (0181) 549-9493.

STOPPAS.

ST CHAR. - Meriel St Clair Green, F.R.C.M., died peacefully in a nursing home on 7th May in her 92md year. Funcati at St Paul's, Wilton Flace, SWI at 10.30 am on Monday, 19th May, followed by private cremation. Family Rowers only, but donations if desired to Musicians Bensvolent Fdad, c/o Enyons, 49 Markes Rond, WB (telephone: 0171 937 0757). WOUTERS - Marcel JE rethed Vice President of Manufacturers Handver Trust died aged 89 on Tuesday 6th May 1997. Much loved and greatly missed by his sons and their families. Cremation at Kent and Sussex Crematorium, Tumbridge Wells on Friday 16th May at 12 noom.

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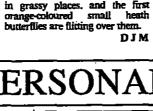
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## LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER MYLES OSBORN

Licutenant-Commander Myles Osborn, DSO, OBE, DSC, wartime navai pilot died on May 2 aged 82. He was born in Lytham St Annes on December 15, 1914.

t was while flying a Swordlish with 829 Squadron from the aircraft carrier Formidable that Myles Osborn took part in the Battle of Cape Matapan on March 28, 1941, for which he was awarded the DSC. Admiral Cunningham, naval C-in-C in the Mediterranean, had learnt from Ultra decrypts that an Italian force, led by the fast battleship Vittorio Veneto had sailed out to attack British convoys.

Cumningham intended that an advance squadron of four Allied cruisers should try to lure this force towards his three battleships, which were naturally immensely superior in gunpower. At 1500 hours, just as the Italian cruisers and battleship were assailing Cunningham's cruisers, 829's five attack aircraft - three Albacores and Osborn's two Swordfish - spotted the Italian battleship and attacked with torpedoes.

The intervention was decisive. Osborn led his sub-flight through heavy ack-ack fire towards the Veneto, his slow biplane "Stringbags" (Swordfish) drawing enemy fire. Although his torpedo missed, one faster Albacore hit the target close to her bows and the Italian battleship limped back to port, taking with her a cruiser escort which might have been more usefully employed in the subsequent engagement.
At dusk 829's aircraft returned and

found and crippled the heavy cruiser Pola. She was later sunk by British destroyers. In a night action, the Pola's two sister cruisers, which had been sent to her aid, and two Italian destroyers were sunk. After the victory of Cape Matapan the Italian fleet ceased to pose a threat in the

Osborn's father Ashby had been ranching in Canada when the First World War broke out, but he crossed the Atlantic and joined the Wiltshire Regiment, one of Kitchener's first 100,000 volunteers: He was killed in May 1917 in Mesopotamia.

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Brought up by his mother Marjorie. who never remarried, George Myles Thomas Osborn passed through the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, between 1927 and 1931. His mother lost her savings in the Great Crash but the college chaplain was her brother and he paid for her son to complete his training. After serving in the Fleet as a midshipman. Osborn was recommended for a course in flying at Greenwich and subsequently served in various aircraft carriers.

Osborn (the nickname was a reference to a favourite passage in Winnie the Pooh) was with 829 Squadron RN ertheless he was ordered to attack - who insisted that the course he had of rural populations.



Osborn, centre front row, and pilots and observers of his squadron in front of a Seafire shortly after the war

in the Mediterranean, first in Ark Royal, then Illustrious. By the time of Matapan, he was one of the Navy's most experienced pilots and a natural leader. Attacking convoys and ship-ping supplying Axis forces in North Africa, Osborn believed in dropping his torpedo as close as 250 yards from the enemy and always from the regulation 60 feet. This called for rare llying skills and considerable sangfroid. Flying at around 90 mph, the Swordfish offered a slow, bulky and combustible\_target for enemy antiaircraft gunfire.

During the Battle of Crete, Formidable was badly damaged by Stukas and she was sent to the USA for repairs. No 829 Squadron was disbanded, Osborn and four other experienced pilots joining 830 Squadron in Malta, at the beginning of June 1941. His first foray from Malta was a night attack against a large ship, steaming south at aine knots with all its lights have the steaming to the steam of the spotted the red cross on her hull which denoted a hospital ship. Nevintelligence had reported that Axis hospital ships might be carrying troops and arms. The independentlyminded Osborn did not consider the target fair game and deliberately aimed his torpedo to miss astern. The squadron war diary blamed such poor marksmanship on "indecision". Over the next few months Osborn

enemy shipping carrying cargoes for Rommel's troops in North Africa. This earned him a DSO. One night he found and sank an enemy merchant ship of 5,000 tons and a destroyer alongside her with a single torpedo, despite appalling visibility and a dense destroyer

smoke screen. His repeated close

range attacks on tankers and war-

led numerous attacks on Axis ships,

destroying at least 50,000 tons of

ships within Tripoli and Syracuse harbours called for the utmost skill and daring, through intense AA fire and a dense balloon barrage... of November 11, 1941, thanks to the stubbornness of a new squadron CO

set would lead his four Swordfish back to Malta. Instead it resulted in their running out of fuel and ditching off the coast of Sicily. One crewmember was killed. Osborn intended to overpower the Italian coastal patrol that fished them out, but found he had lost the use of his legs through exhaustion. Osborn was incarcerated first in Italy, then after Mussolini's overthrow - in Germany. He made numerous escape attempts, being desperate to get back to the fight. He found that a persistent obstacle was the senior British officer, he was "like a senior

prefect sucking up to the Head" -- in

this case the German Commandant

— he later recalled. Osborn retired from the navy as a lieutenant-commander in 1947, and joined the Colonial Service, serving first in Sierra Leone, then in Singapore and lastly for ten years in Malaya, where he was a District ergency, ne was involved in counter-insurgency, particularly with ensuring the loyalty

After independence he left the Colonial Service and in 1963 was employed under the Colombo Plan (the Commonwealth initiative of 1950 to promote social and economic development in Asia and the Pacific)

as "Hill Tribes adviser" to the Laotian Government, increasingly threatened by the Communist Pathet Lao. In fact he reported to MI6. He was an expert on communist infiltration; his Malayan experience had taught him that the hearts and minds" and the allegiance of the people were crucial.

For his work with MI6 Osborn was appointed OBE. He retired to Spain in 1971. Myles Osborn was a short. forceful man with an impatient intelligence who dominated a room through charm and wit. His undiplomatically boozy parties in Vientiane were legendary. Only a succession of strokes in his last years reduced his physical and mental energy.

Sturges, the widow of an RAF officer, in 1947. He is survived by her and by

#### **GENEVRA CAWS**

Genevra Caws, QC, barrister, died of a thrombosis on April 14 aged 48. She was born on February 21, 1949.

GENEVRA CAWS was considered by many to be the outstanding woman barrister of her generation. And, if her name was less well known to the public at large than that of some of her contemporaries, it was because of her range of qualities - the most outstanding of which was her modesty.

The daughter of Richard Caws, a chartered surveyor who was for 26 years a Crown Estate Commissioner, and his wife Fiona, she was christened Genevra Fiona Penelope Victoria, but was always known as Jenny. She was educated at Norting

Hill and Ealing High School, where she was an outstanding pupil, and of which she subsequently became a local governor. Awarded an exhibi-tion in Classics to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, she went up in 1966 at the age of 17 to

Her Oxford career was one of unblemished academic success. As the first woman to be elected to such a position in the Oxford University Law Society, she greatly enjoyed the title of Mistress of Moots. She won a distinction in Law Moderations, the Gibbs Law Scholarship, and a first in the Honour School of Jurisprudence in 1969.

A Duke of Edinburgh scholar of the Inner Temple, she did her first pupillage with Gordon (now Lord) Slynn, the then Treasury devil, at No 1 Hare Court, and then with David (now Mr Justice) Keene at Gray's Inn Chambers, now 4-5 Gray's Inn Square, where she spent the rest of her professional life.

While awaiting the interview for a scholarship from Inner Temple, she met her husband James Curtis, QC. who invited her out to tea. They married in 1985.

Jenny Caws developed a wide-ranging practice in commercial, employment, competition and administrative law, and featured in many reported cases. She was also wellknown in the field of professional negligence and was recently described in a law any case of substance".

She took silk in 1991. Shortly

application, she was invited by the Attorney-General to be-come Junior Counsel to the Inland Revenue — the second most senior appointment open to the Junior Bar on the common law side. Had the invitation come a few weeks earlier, she might have accepted it; but after anxious consideration, she decided to pursue her chosen course and duly became a Queen's Counsel in the next Easter list.

The success she achieved in the front row can be seen by enumerating the clients who sought in recent years her services for important cases: the Law Society, the Inland Revenue, Customs and Excise, the Further Education Funding Council, government departments and various local authorities.

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Between 1993 and 1995 she acted for the Director-General of Fair Trading in the Restrictive Practices Court in contempt proceedings brought against 13 ready-mixed con-crete suppliers. This was one of the largest litigation actions in the history of the Office of Fair Trading and resulted in record fines. In 1996 she acted for the Director-General of Fair Trading in bringing to an end the Net Books Agreement. She was elected a bencher of her Inn. the Inner Temple, in

She was as at home in Coln Rogers, Gloucestershire. where she and her family lived and farmed at weekends, as she was in her professional life in Chambers. She loved the beauty and simplicity of life in the country and particularly gardening and wild flowers. She and her husband became expert in sheep breeding, which she studied and on which she grew very knowledgeable. She was a voracious reader. She was also a proficient fisherman and skier and it was in Val d'Isère, Switzerland, while on a skiing holiday, that she suddenly died.

Jenny Caws was a formidable lawyer. She had many strengths as an advocate, a gentle but firm voice and calm judgment. But what was best about her as a barrister, was what was best about her as a human being: patience, reasonableness, a courteous capacity to listen and a real warmth and understanding.

husband, a nine-year-old daughter, her parents, and a brother and a sister.

#### SRI MADHAVA ASHISH

Sri Madhava Ashish, British-born Hindu monk and Himalayan hill farmer, died at Mirtola, near Almora, Uttar Pradesh, on April 13 aged 77. He was born in Edinbureh on February 23, 1920.

BORN Alexander Phipps into a British Army family and educated in England, Madhava Ashish devoted his life to Indian esoteric thought, and to farming and conservation in the Himalayas. His methods eventually

began to be copied by other hill dwellers and, in some areas at least erosion of the terrain began to be halted. He and his team were honoured by the President of India in . 1992 with the Padma Shri Award.

Alexander Phipps was the son of Lieutenant-Colonel H. R. Phipps, Royal Artillery. He was educated at Sherborne. after which he trained as an engineer at the Chelsea Aeronautical Engineering College. He initially worked on testing aircraft in England before fransferring to aircraft production at Dum Dum in India. After the war he toured India and was captivated by the life at the ashram at Uttara

Brindaban, in the corner of India between the borders of Tibet and Nepal.



The ashram, close to the 24,000ft Mt Nanda Devi peak. was run by Sri Krishna Prem. and after his death in 1965, by Ashish, the name Alexander had taken when he became a

As a hill farmer he had become a pioneer of conservation in the Himalayas. The tragedy of the Himalayas is over-cropping by domestic an-imals which wander unchecked, making it impossible for younger plants to replace older trees when they are felled, leading to erosion on a catastrophic scale. Because of the relationship between the ashram and the village Ashish was able to enclose the village land on the mountain so that hungry domestic animals could not browse, destructive-

ly, at will. He then built a zoo in

London, 1860; Bedrich Smeta-

Poet Laureate 1930-67, near

Abingdon, Oxfordshire, 1967;

John Smith, leader of the

Labour Party 1992-94.

The General Strike ended.

Alcoholics Anonymous was

founded by William Wilson in

The coronation of King

George VI and Queen Eliza-

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Britain was lowered from 21 to

London, 1994.

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on the outside of the cages (sometimes asleep on top of them) and the domestic ani-mals restrained inside, with their food being harvested and brought to them to feed. The cages, tiger and leopard proof. were protected by Bhutia dogs which he acquired from the nomadic herdsman. Through this enclosure he

reverse, with the wild animals

created a green mountain which, when seen from the air, stands out like an oasis in the desert. This experiment in hill farming is successfully being copied by others. The subject of agriculture, for which he wrote much of the curriculum. is now taught in the mountain schools. Nominally a Hindu, he saw

all religions as having a common goal. He spent much time meditating and helping others to search for their path to God. He became interested in Indian esoteric thought after he first visited the ashram of Ramana Maharsi, and continued his studies with Sri Krishna Prem with whom he was co-author of Man the

Measure of all Things. He was the author of Man, Son of Man, a Cosmology. and published papers on The Secret Doctrine as a Contribution to World Thought and The Guru as Exemplar and Guide to the Term of Human Evolution.

DR DAVID LEWES Dr David Lewes, asultant cardiologist died on April 22 aged 8). He was born on August

26, 1915.

AN AFFABLE, pipe-smoking doctor with an eclectic array of interests, David Lewes brought a warmth, humanity and enthusiasm to everything he did. As a cardiologist at Bedford Hospital he excelled. always pushing at the fron-tiers of knowledge. It was he who - using nutmeg graters as a prototype — invented multi-point electrodes for electrocardiographs. These were used by NASA on its space missions.

A keen amateur botanist, he published, among other things, a study of mushroom poisoning and a paper on exploding marrows. A hu-manist, he argued the innocence of James Hanratty, convicted of the A6 murders.

David Steel Lewes was born in Sydney, Australia, and educated at King's School, Paramana, in New South Wales. It was as an amateur chemist that he really excelled as a schoolboy and his father though strictly Victorian in his values (he once caned his son for calling him Daddy) encouraged him, allowing him access to any chemicals he wanted. Lewes would use home-made explosives to en-

tertain his friends. This inspired his elder brother, Jock, to follow suit and eventually led to him inventing the Lewes Bomb which gave the Special Air Service teeth in sabotaging

enemy installations. In 1934 Lewes entered Christ Church, Oxford, graduating with first-class honours in medicine. His final year was spent researching into Vitamin C and its effect, under Sir Solly Zuckerman. He went on to work at the

London Hospital, where he gained a wide general medical experience, though his particular interest was cardiology. He qualified in 1941, and six months later found himself working at Southend General Hospital. There he was responsible for running the entire medical side of the hospital's work.

He became a member of the Royal College of Physicians and, in 1944, joined the RAF. Posted to the Azores he found himself faced with a sudden mass outbreak of typhoid and salmonella. It was he who located the source of the outbreak — a cook in a restaurant kitchen — and helped to treat and control it.

After the war, Lewes was made Patterson Research Scholar in the cardiac department of the London Hospital. In 1948 he was appointed tutor

in medicine and senior registrar at the Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith. But, an enthusiastic amateur botanist, he also worked at this time on a study for Kew Gardens of a type of exploding marrow. It was this article which was to catch the attention of the selection committee for Bedford General Hospital. Impressed by his original and inquiring mind, they appointed him consultant physician in

Humanitarian in outlook, Lewes was deeply concerned about injustice. After the apprehension of James Hanratty, Lewes was affronted when national newspapers seemed to condemn Hanratty before his trial. Having a few weeks leave at that time, Lewes sat in court throughout the entire proceedings. He had photographic memory and perceived what he thought were anomalies in the case brought against Hanratty. His thoughts on the matter were extensively used by Paul

Lewes also wrote many articles on cardiology and other subjects in The Lancet and The British Medical Journal, publishing at least one a year until his retirement in

He is survived by his wife Daphne, and by three daughters and a son.



#### **Anniversaries**

John Bell, surgeon, Edinburgh, 1763; Edward Lear. artist and poet, London, 1812; Florence Nightingale, hospital reformer, Florence, 1820; Dante Gabriel Rossetti, poet and painter, founder member of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, London, 1828; Jules Massenet, composer, Montaud, France, 1842; Gabriel Faure, composer, Permiers, Ariège, France, 1845; Lincoln Elisworth, polar explorer, Chicago, 1880; Sir Lennox Berkeley, composer, Oxford, 1903; Tony Hancock, comedy actor. Birmingham, 1924.

DEATHS: Thomas Wentworth, Ist Earl of Strafford, statesman, executed, London, 1641; August Wilhelm Schlegel, poet, Bonn, 1845: Sir Charles Barry, architect of the Gothic revival.

#### Service dinners

The Queen's Royal Lancers na, composer, Prague, 1884; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Swinburn, Colonel of The Amy Lowell, poet, Brookline, Queen's Royal Lancers, pre-Massachusetts, 1925; Sir Arthur Ouiller-Couch, man of sided at the annual reunion letters, Fowey, Cornwall, 1944: dinner of The Queen's Royal Lancers Regimental Associ-Erich von Stroheim, actor and ation held on Saturday at the film director. Maurepas. Waldorf Hotel. France, 1957; John Masefield,

The Queen's Royal Hussars Major-General Richard Barron, Colonel of The Queen's Royal Hussars, presided at the annual dinner of the Regimental Association held on Saturday at the Mount Royal Hotel, Marble Arch. No 16 RFC and RAF

Association Air Marshal Sir David Cousins, President of No 16 RFC and RAF Association, accompanied by Lady Cousins, received guests at the annual dinner held on Saturday at the

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British Army Civil Affairs Group

Brigadier A.S. Craig, Commander Engineers Land, was the principal guest at the inaugural dinner of the British Army Civil Affairs Group held on Saturday at the Royal Engineers Officers Mess, Minley Manor.

Lieutenant-Colonel P.W. Hayward Broomfield, Commanding Officer, was in the

Service luncheon

Ist Gurkha Rifles D.G.T Major-General Horsford presided at a luncheon held on Saturday at the Ghurka Museum, Winchester, to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1st Gurkha Rifles Regimental Association.

#### **FLORENCE** NIGHTINGALE. BORN MAY 12, 1820

It is 100 years ago to-day since Florence Nightingale was born. When Queen Victoria, her senior by a year, came to the Throne, she was a girl of 17. Nineteen years later she came home from the Crimea, having made her name, for all the world as long as the world shall last, an abiding symbol of the highest and purest womanly devotion. From then to the day of her death. only four years before the storm of the Great War burst upon Europe, she was almost always confined to her house. The strain of her work for the sick and wounded and dying soldiers had sapped her bodily strength. But the flame of her soul was never quenched. The lamp that she had lit at Scutari burnt steadily to the end. Those 54 years of invalid life in Mayfair were even more fruitful in service to the Army and humanity in general than the long and strenuous

#### ON THIS DAY

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May 12, 1920

The centenary of the birth of Florence Nightingale provided an opportunity for a reappraisal of her work, and a salute to one who "being dead yet speaketh"

seat of war. When, a year or two before her death, she received the Order of Merit, the fact that she was still alive came as something of a surprise to most of her fellow-countrymen. For them she was the Lady of the Lamp They knew of what she had done for the Army of the Crimea, with Sidney Herbert at the War Office and Dr. W.H. Russell in the field to help her. Comparatively few of the rank and file were aware of the existence of that marvellous driving force which and agonizing months of her toil at the by years of incessant labour revolution-

ized the whole system of medical and surgical and sanitary treatment in the Army, and made nursing the honoured and highly efficient profession that it now is. "Such a head!" wrote Queen Victoria. "I wish we had her at the War Office." As it was, she was outside its walls, but she stormed and conquered it from her bed. She was, and by many still is, looked upon as a gentle, quiet, womanly, self-sacrificing saint. In a sense all of that was true. But the saint was very human. Not her gentleness but her strength won her the victory. It was by her businesslike brain, by her passionate dislike and contempt for feebleness and inefficiency and wrong, no less than by her vision and her great heart. that she brought order out of chaos. She was a lighter and remained a fighter when most women and most men stricken as she was would have turned their faces to the wall. St. Paul rather than St. John was her prototype, and she lives forever as one of the strongest as well as one of the foremost women of the Victorian era and of all time.

#### **NEWS**

#### Howard campaign suffers setback

Michael Howard's Tory leadership bid suffered a serious setback when it emerged that two former ministerial colleagues plan to go public with damaging allegations about his performance as Home Secretary.

Ann Widdecombe, the Home Office Minister of State from July 1995, will break her silence over Mr Howard's controversial dismissal of Derek Lewis as director general of the Prisons Service in October 1995 .....

#### Brown to phase out mortgage tax relief

Gordon Brown will use his first Budget to launch a purge on the "get-rich-quick" culture and to use new taxes to fund a radical welfare programme. One of the biggest changes will be the phasing out of mortgage interest tax relief that gives some 

#### Brown suits himself

Gordon Brown is to slay another sacred cow next month by abandoning formal dress for a lounge suit when he delivers the Chancellor's Mansion House ..Page 1

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William Hague is to take his Tory leadership camapign to the party's local activists by embarking next week on a tour of constituency associations... ...Page 2

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Science has discovered that a year-old dog is a fully grown and sexually mature 18-year-old, and not seven years as Britain's 6.5 million dog owners persist in thinking... ...Page 3

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The Government will force local authorities to shut failing schools that are not improving, even before the law is in place. David Blunkett said: "I want to create momentum"... ....Page 8

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Most children, aged 11 to 16, worry about their appearance, with concerns topped by overweight. spots and ugly teeth. Girls and poorer children are more anxious about their looks ....

#### Gulf War inquiry

Defence ministers are to order a new investigation into the extent "Gulf War syndrome" ..... Page 6 country's ills ....

#### Flight to map route

At the invitation of the Russian Air Force three RAF pilots are to fly across the former Soviet Union to map a commercial air

#### Second take

Joel Marsden, a young film-maker, is surprised that Steven Spielberg's latest movie bears uncanny similarities to his own. Both stories are about slave-ship uprisings and Spielberg is using the same set and the same princi-...Page 7

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A Swiss newspaper said Credit Suisse, now Switzerland's second largest bank, dealt directly with the Nazi SS corps which operated a secret account in the bank to launder money ...... Page 11

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An international relief operation is preparing to help Iran cope after an earthquake left at least 2,400 dead ..

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Voters are blaming France's elite institution that produces so many of its top politicians, corporate of the official "cover up" over the leaders and civil servants for the

#### Kasparov battles for Man's honour

Garry Kasparov, "the last best hope of manking", was worried as he prepared for the final duel in the six-game chess match with the IBM computer Deep Blue. Man and machine have three draws and one win each. The Russian grandmaster said of his silicon rival: "I can out-calculate any player in the world, but I cannot out-calculate the machine" ...... Page 13



The Queen Mother with old comrades from the combined cavalry regiments at a service in their honour in Hyde Park yesterday

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Acclaimed by a crowd of 300,000 people, the pontiff has preached reconciliation and renewal, freedom and dignity. He has been a true bridge-builder ...... Page 20

# No peace, no privilege

Tony Blair should use his own good sense and affirm that Sinn Fein should be heard in Parliament only when the guns have been .... Page 20

#### It's a dog's life

Dog has always been a parable as well as a companion. So there is no reason why an old dog should not now teach man new tricks about

#### PETER RIDDELL

Robin Cook is Labour's eleventh Foreign Secretary — enough for a cricket team, he remarks, though he would not be happy with all his team-mates. They have been a mot-

## **GARRET FITZGERALD**

With barely one Conservative voter in every ten switching to Labour, it is hard to see how the result of this election can reasonably be described as a landslide. What made it seem like a landslide, of course. was the first-past-the-post voting

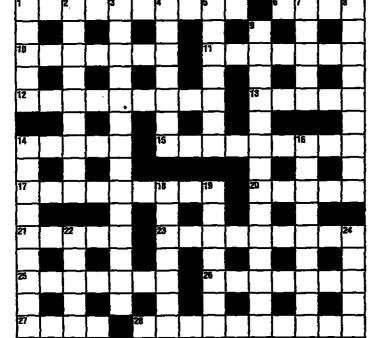
#### Lieutenant-Commander Myles

Oshora, wartine Fleet Air Arm pilot: Genevra Caws, barrister: Sri Madhava Ashish. British-born Hindu monk and Himalayan hill ..... Page 23 farmer...

#### Audience and creativity of BBC; evolution; pensions; post-election 97: Cherie Blair picture ..... Page 21

Robin Cook's first act was to rest off to France and Geografic in assure them that togel Britain they formed Europe's Big Three. This was bound to hit a merve in Rome — La Répubblica

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**ACROSS** 

- I College has exotic trees planted by crank (10).
- 6 Article finally exposes character on the staff (4). 10 American doctors operating using Buggins' method, we hear (7).
- 12 Break down as offer is beginning to excite (9).

11 Zola's initial reason for moving

- 13 Teams second before 13th July. for instance (5).
- 14 A sort of nose mostly okay for smeii (5).
- 15 Morning gathering for children to sing (4,2,3).
- 17 Flower-girl replacing centre of third cape (3.6).
- 20 He may take some interest if you pop in his shop (5). 21 Create right fuss after Company
- cancel steamer for island (5). 23 State of string in an instrument. maybe (9).
- The solution of

Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 20,476 will appear next Saturday. The five winners will each receive a £20 book token.

- 25 Integration achieved by single
- 26 His pulling out may hasten loss of set (?). 27 Notice pipe's beginning to leak
- 28 After dropping one, coach gets criticised and moved (10).

- l Refuse, you say, to specify this body-part (5). Remains of bread and butter?
- 3 The sailors' duet when adrift in calm waters (5.9).
- 4 Upsetting reports about part of school year (7). 5 Under a day before spides
- achieves the greatest height (7). 7 He's landed face-up right in it (5). 8 It offers a choice for those entering pools (9).
- 9 Walkabout how like our monarch! (14). 14 About to get gold medal in
- sporting event (9). 16 High speed isn't breaking hand that turns (9). 18 Zola, for example, presenting a
- small volume to employer (7). 19 Row past sandy ridge in faraway port (7). 22 This magistrate always sent up

without quarter (5).

24 Well-known saw (5).

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# General: England and Wales will have another day of sunny

intervals and showers. Some of the showers will be heavy, possibly with hail and thunder. There will be a blustery southwesterly wind. Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers or longer periods of rain. There will be some heavier outbreaks and a good deal of hill fog. Winds will be moderate,

becoming mainly southerly. London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Central N England: dry at first, surry sels and showers, some heavy and possibly thundery later. Wind fresh,

southwesterly. Max 16C (61F). ☐ W Midlands, Channel Isles, S W England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England: surry spells and showers, some heavy, possibly thundery later. Wind fresh, south-westerly. Mex 15C (59F).

Dundee, SW Scotland, gow, N ireland: mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of sometimes heavy rain. Wind moderate to fresh, southwesterly. Max 13C (55F).

☐ Aberdeen, Central High-lands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland: mostly cloudy with showers or longer spells of heavy rain. Wind moderate southwesterly, later southerly. Max 12C

☐ NE Scotland, Orlmey, Shet-land: mostly cloudy with outbreaks of light rain. Wind southerly, moderate. Max 10C-12C (50F-☐ Outlook for tomorrow and

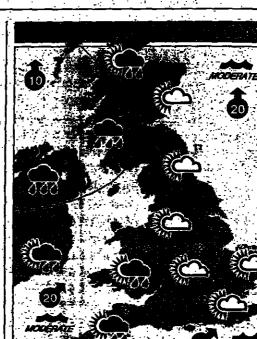
Wednesday: becoming mainly dry in the south, with showers turther north, winds dying down.



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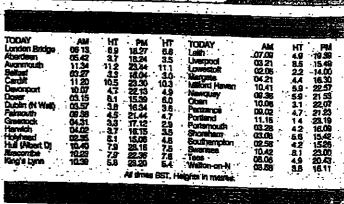


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Sunny

Changes to chart below from noon: low R moves east as it fills; low S sees little movement as it fills slowly; high A drifts west as it builds; high N stays unchanged





London 8.41 pm to 5.12 em. Bristot 8.51 pm to 5.22 em.